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THIRTY YEARS

POST GRADUATE RECORD

OF

THE CLASS OF 1869,

HAMILTON COLLEGE.

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Class Secretary.

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IN the preparation of the record the heartiest thanks of the class are due Dr. Lewis Ray Foote for the splendid assistance he has given in securing information. When the case has seemed utterly hopeless Dr. Foote has been appealed to, and he has responded every time in the most effective manner.

He has bombarded the delinquent with letter, telegram and postal; appealed to pastor, daughter and wife, until there has been an unconditional surrender and the desired material forwarded to Utica In fact, he caught one recalcitrant in Brooklyn, who had declared that "All the king's horses could not drag him again before a camera," and lo, we have his dear face with the others, although his wife had written, "When a man won't, he won't."

All hail, to earnest, loyal, Foote!

THE CLASS OF 1869.

THE OLD ROLL.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE WHILE IN COLLEGE.
Amos James Allen	Walesville
Charles Anderson	Union Springs
Samuel Farwell Bagg	Utica
Charles Densmore Barrows	Clinton
John Everett Beecher	Vernon Centre
Henry Harper Benedict	Little Falls
Rush Walsworth Bissell	Clinton
Channing John Brown	Cary
Francis Marion Burdick	De Ruyter
William Frederick Cahoon	Canton
Louis Nathan Chapin	Madison
Eugene Cheeseman	Silver Creek
Jere Meacham Chrysler	Theresa
Frederic Erastus Cleveland	Madison
John Dykeman Conley	Canastota
Kirk Peter Crandall	Babcock Hill
Edward Ward Crowell	Rome
Elbert Wilmot Cummings	Paw Paw, Mich.
John Lovell Douglass	Niles, Mich.
William Lee Downing	Oneida
George Edward Draper	Dryden
James Henry Ecob	Moravia
John Edgar Elmer	Chester
Charles Peter Fake	Clinton
Thomas Warner Fitch	Oneida
John Henry Fitzgerald	Butternuts
Lewis Ray Foote	Sherburne
John Curtiss Fowler	Canastota
Otis Randall Glover	Ottawa, Ill.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE WHILE IN COLLEGE.
John Howard Greene	Indian Castle
D'Linton Wing Greenfield	Rome
Rufus Theron Griggs	Auburn
Samuel Dumont Halliday	Ithaca
William Parsons Heston	Batavia
Charles Kimball Hoyt	Auburn
Erwin Colton Hull	Hannibal
Theodore Charles Jerome	Clinton
Massah Knox Johnson	Bellona
Frank Roscius Judson	Ogdensburg
George Eugene King	Ravenna, O.
Martin Dwelle Kneeland	South Onondaga
Horatio William Lawrence	Syracuse
John Van Buren Lewis	Auburn
Willard Merrick Lillibridge	Holland Patent
Cornelius Evarts Luckey	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Rice McCauley	Stanley
Martin Van Buren McGraw	Schuyler
Roswell Miller	Auburn
Simon Newton Dexter North	Clinton
Eliot Robertson Payson	Oxford
William Seward Pinney	Clinton
William Loring Pottle	Naples
Francis Contarina Pope	Syracuse
Alvan Allan Richmond	Little Falls
Adelbert Jay Schlager	Lanesboro, Pa.
Charles Henry Searle	Leonardsville
George Russell Smith	Albion
Selden Haines Talcott	Rome
Robert Barclay Turner	Clinton
Henry Hunt Wells	Alexandria, Va.
Charles Augustus Wetmore	Norwich
William Henry Whiting	Jasper
Edward James Wickson	Lyons
William Solomon Young	Allentown, Pa.

THE NEW ROLL.

NAMES.	DATE OF BIRTH.
Flora Allen	July 21, 1879
Jennie Dow Allen	April 7, 1881
Grace Isabella Allen	February 8, 1883
Marion Bradbern Allen	April 10, 1886
Jessie Allen	October 13, 1888
Eunice Bagg	June 15, 1887
Sterling Barrows	December 1, 1880
Ada Agnes Bissell	August 6, 1870*
Joseph Bissell	June 4, 1872*
Isabelle Jeanette Bissell	January 12, 1886*
Joseph Benedict	March 14, 1869*
John Richmond Benedict	March 14, 1871*
Annie Louise Benedict	January 3, 1875*
Helen Elizabeth Benedict	October 11, 1879
Anna Van Epps Burdick	February 24, 1877
Katharine Pearley Burdick	December 9, 1879
Charles Kellogg Burdick	February 7, 1883
Flora Margaret Burdick	June 14, 1884
Belle Sabrah Cheeseman	October 8, 1870
Frederick Aldrich Cleveland	1876
Catherine Cleveland	1879
Mabel Chrysler	April 29, 1876
Josephine Lee Chrysler	May 2, 1877
John Mayo Conley	December 25, 1873
Florence Elizabeth Conley	September 29, 1879
Otho E. Draper	October 2, 1874*
Ada W. Draper	April 29, 1885
Edna E. Draper	July 10, 1888
Raymond E. Draper	October, 1896
Frances Gilbert Ecob	May 18, 1881
Robert Gilbert Ecob	May 28, 1884
Eleanor Ecob	August 12, 1885
Katharine Gilbert Ecob	February 11, 1877
Samuel Robertson Fowler	February 5, 1876
Florence Elizabeth Fowler	October 31, 1880

* Deceased.

NAMES.	DATE OF BIRTH.
Loren Robertson Fowler	September 16, 1882
Lulu Greenfield	February 2, 1887
Florence Norton Griggs	February 20, 1879
Alexander Henry Griggs	May 20, 1883*
Samuel Morris Halliday	April 26, 1883
Norman Henry Halliday	April 15, 1885
Helen Halliday	May 7, 1890
Lucretia Heston	March 13, 1874
Mary May Heston	May 31, 1876
Gertrude Heston	April 25, 1880*
William May Heston	August 3, 1885
Arthur May Heston	September 8, 1887*
Carrie Eliza Hull	July 23, 1874
Erwin Stewart Hull	April 11, 1877
Elbert Isaac Hull	December 29, 1883
Robert Bouton Hull	September 12, 1885
Paul Jerome	March 22, 1875*
Kate Swan Jerome	June 14, 1877*
Bernard Clairvaux Jerome	June 4, 1879*
Irene Elizabeth Jerome	February 19, 1882
Robert Bartlett Jerome	September 21, 1884
Grace Eliza King	February 26, 1876
Adaline Orpha King	October 17, 1878
Elizabeth Lord Kneeland	April 8, 1877
Frank Jonathan Kneeland	May 30, 1879
William Aiken Kneeland	August 9, 1884
Paul Dwelle Kneeland	March 2, 1887
Ruth Stella Kneeland	November 7, 1888
Alletta A. Lillibridge	November 14, 1883
Harrison Lillibridge	January 4, 1890
Joseph H. Lillibridge	October 23, 1892*
Mary Julia Luckey	April 16, 1878
Roswell Miller, Jr.	October 16, 1894
Dorothy Miller	March 1, 1898
Emma C. McCauley	August 20, 1872
Edward North, 2nd	September 25, 1878
Gladys North	November 27, 1879

* Deceased.

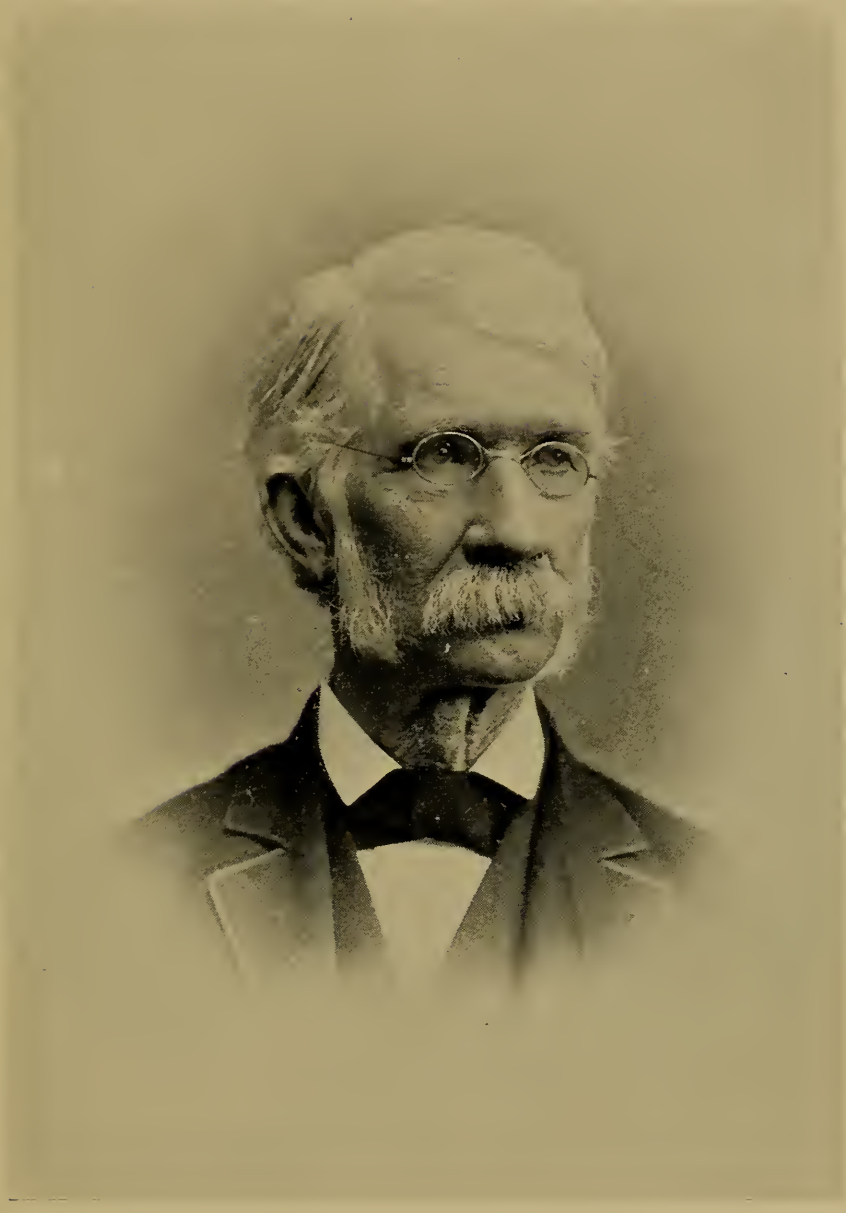
NAMES.	DATE OF BIRTH.
Eloise Comstock North	May 12, 1884
Dexter North	October 26, 1890
Francis C. Pope, Jr.	February 8, 1884
Virginia Hamilton Pope	July 1, 1886
Freelove Cornish Schlager	September 7, 1875
Nellie Cornelia Schlager	June 7, 1878
Mary Schlager	February 19, 1886
Homer Wellington Searle	April 5, 1878
Alice Lucretia Searle	April 27, 1886
Annie Pier Searle	December 1, 1888
Ruth Searle	March 21, 1882
Helen Millicent Wells	March 5, 1873
Harry Morgan Wells	April 23, 1875
Carl Hunt Wells	August 1, 1877
George Leit Wells	August 11, 1883
Edith May Wetmore	May 15, 1872
Olive Whiting	September 26, 1881
Ednah Harmon Wickson	February 3, 1876
Katharine Ray Wickson	July 31, 1878
Frances Walsworth Wickson *	
Ida Robinson Wickson	
Harmon Wickson	
Gladys Clare Wickson	
Guest Wickson	1888

* Deceaseed.

SUMMARY OF CHILDREN LIVING:

Sons, 28.

Daughters, 50.



Edward North.

Dr. Foote, for himself and his classmates of '69, wrote a letter of greeting and congratulation to Professor North on his eightieth birthday, March 9, 1900. He received in reply:

Department of
GREEK LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE.
HAMILTON COLLEGE,
CLINTON, ONEIDA CO., N. Y.,
March 9, 1900.

My dear Dr. Foote:

Inasmuch as your hearty greeting brought me inspiration for the enclosed sonnet, it would seem to be but fair that you should have a copy. Kindly allow your charity to cover its faults, and believe me

Yours most heartily,

EDWARD NORTH.

At eighty years, what is life's dearest prize?
Not landscapes' shifting wealth of light and gloom,
Not trees that whisper hints of paradise,
Not tender flowers that breathe delight's perfume,
Not music's medicine for slander's gall,
Not Attic lore with ageless wisdom fraught,
Not travel's panoramic festival,
Not letters sweet from far off homesteads brought,
Not history's crowded scenes of war and gore,
Not drama's resurrected life and show:
But hopes to meet dear lost ones gone before,
With faith that Christ's own arm will strength bestow,
When earthly scenes fade from the mortal view,
And hopes of sinless, endless joys come true.

CHANCELOR OF UNIVERSITY STATE OF NEW YORK,

ANSON JUDD UPSON, D. D., L. L. D., L. H. D.

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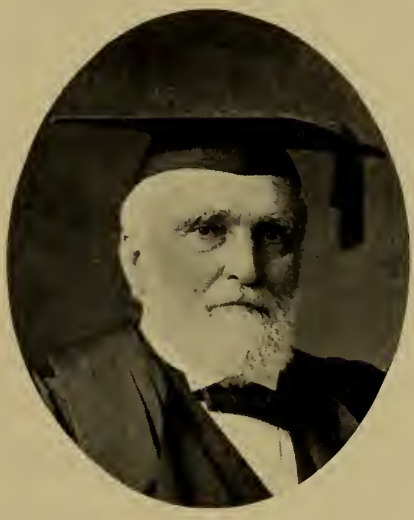

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Glens Falls, N. Y.,
April 13, 1900.

My dear Downing:

Excuse my delay in answering your letter of the 4th inst. I have not been quite well and so could not write, even as I have. But I am pleased with your request, and wish I could do better.

I am glad to know that you hold your useful place in the Utica Academy, of which I am proud to be a graduate. May you die in it—not immediately.

Cordially yours,

A. J. UPSON.

Glens Falls, N. Y.,
April 13, 1900.

My dear Members of the Class of 1869:

A letter of April the 4th was received by me from your classmate, Mr. Wm. L. Downing. In it he asks me to write a word to you. I would write gladly, but what shall I say? I keep a record of your class in my copy of the triennial catalogue. From it, and from the Mail-book, which Professor North has industriously and most usefully given to us, I gather a record of the work which has filled the thirty years of the forty-one "boys" who received their diplomas from President Brown in 1869.

In the catalogue eleven of you have been italicized as clergymen, three have been capitalized as office holders, six are named teachers, eleven are lawyers, five I know are farmers, two have been editors, and one of them does important work upon the census; one is a manufacturer, two are merchants, one is a physician, and he has done much to help and cure the insane; and one is eminent as a great railway manager; eight of your class are stelligerents. As a whole, you have made a good record.

I wonder if you still all believe in collegiate education and will send your boys to Hamilton College, as you should. Whether you can answer the questions we asked together so often about Paul and the effect of Gamalial's instruction upon his preaching—whether "Paul *did* make a worse preacher," may yet be doubtful. I would hardly dare to call the roll for a definite answer.

The Class of 1869 was the last class but one I had the honor to instruct in the college. I feel just as young as when we said good-bye to each other in the old Stone Church in Clinton. My prayer for you all is as sincere and fervent as it was that day. So shall it ever be.

Always most truly,

A. J. UPSON.

THE RE-UNION OF 1899.

THE third decennial reunion of the Class of 1869, Hamilton College, was held on Wednesday of the Commencement week of 1899.

There were present: Allen, Bagg, Beecher, Burdick, Downing, Foote, Griggs, Halliday, Kneeland, Lillibridge, Macauley, North, Payson and Searle. Luckey and Talcott, unfortunately, did not arrive in Clinton until after the meeting.

The Class assembled in the Chapel and then proceeded to the class tree, where they were photographed by Professor Dodge. Going to the Benedict Hall of Languages another picture was taken, when adjournment was made to the residence of Dr. North. Here his gracious and bountiful hospitality was fully enjoyed.

After dinner was served the meeting was called to order, and on motion of Mr. North, Judge Lillibridge was elected President.

The Secretary then read his report. At its conclusion a resolution was passed directing him to add a sketch of those who had at any time been members of '69 but did not graduate. An earnest effort has been made to carry out this direction, but with results that are not at all satisfactory. Only a few of the non-graduate members sent replies to the repeated communications addressed to them.

The Secretary was authorized to publish the post-graduate history of the Class.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Dr. North for the cordial greeting he had extended, and the honor he had conferred upon '69.

At the close of the meeting the Class attended in a body the Alumni reception given by President Stryker.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

THE last regular re-union of the Class of 1869, Hamilton College, was held in the Perry Smith Library Hall, June 26th, 1889. It commemorated the twentieth anniversary of our graduation from the College. There were present twelve members. Bagg, Barrows, Beecher, Bissell, Burdick, Downing, Foote, Fowler, Griggs, Lillibridge, Payson and Searle. Ecob, who had pronounced the Alumni poem the preceding evening, was detained from the meeting by most urgent business which took him from Clinton immediately after the delivery of his poem.

The report of the re-union was published in accordance with the suggestion made of giving the letters entire, along with such other information as could be secured. This report was sent to each living member of the Class in the early autumn of 1889.

The next re-union was discussed. Wickson had suggested, in a letter to Griggs, that it be held in 1894 as a quarter centennial celebration. It was deemed best, however, to keep the regular re-unions at the end of each decade, with an informal one at that time.

There were present at the re-union in 1894, Barrows, Beecher, Benedict, Crandall, Downing, Foote, Griggs, Payson, Schlager and Searle. We met at the home of Dr. North, and after a most bountiful dinner, adjourned to his broad piazza, overlooking, for Hamilton men, the most beautiful valley in the world. Telegrams were received from Glover, Lillibridge and North. The latter, detained in Washington by the Tariff bill, sent a box of cigars so choice that they served, in a degree, to reconcile his classmates to his absence.

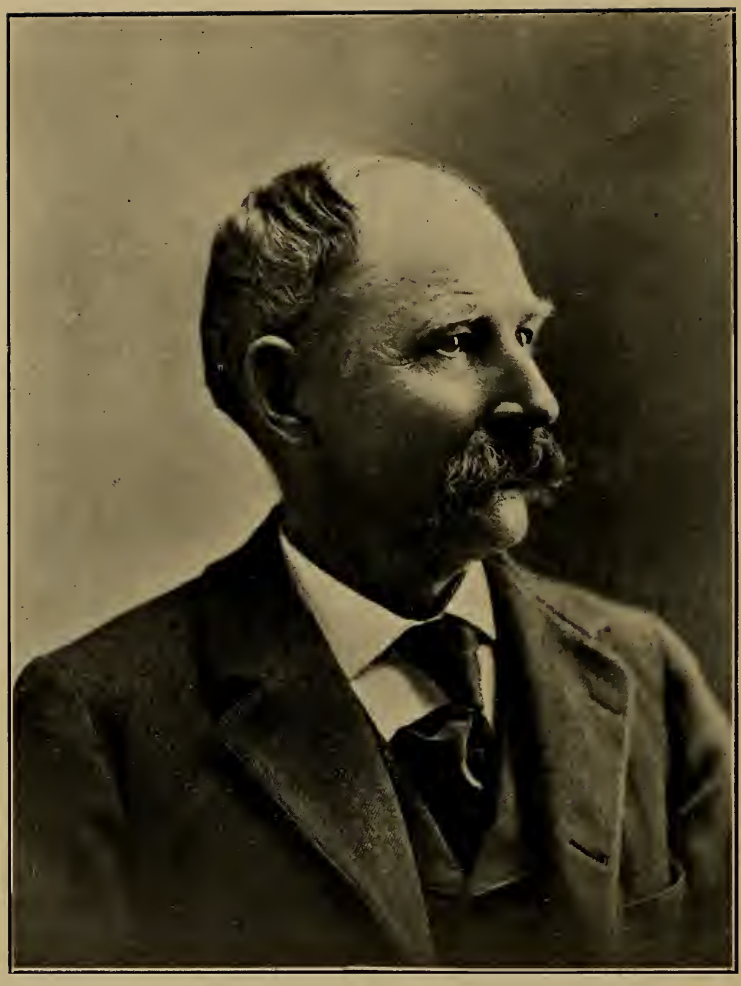
The Secretary read his report, and, after some discussion, it was decided to publish it in connection with that of the re-union of 1899. The hearty thanks of the Class were extended to Dr. North for his gracious hospitality. We then adjourned to meet again in 1899.

The call to this, our third decennial meeting, was sent to the thirty-three living members of the Class, January 23d, 1899. Twenty-six replies have been received.

The Secretary hoped to have the record published and ready for distribution to-day. Owing, however, to the delays made in sending on the statistics requested, it has been impossible to do this. What is presented now contains an abstract of the previous records, with such additional facts as could be obtained.

In the last report the statement was made: "But two Professors who were in the Faculty while '69 was in College remain, Dr. Peters and Dr. North." In the gray dawn of a mid-summer morning, two years later, it was discovered that the former's life had gone out with the closing day, and that of the men who formed the teaching force of the College while we were here, but one was left; the one who for over fifty years has gone in and out with the College generations, evincing always a practical interest in the personal success of every one who leaves our beloved Alma Mater, and drawing every man of Hamilton to a purer ideal of life. And so, when the invitation came, in 1894, from Dr. North for the Class of 1869 to meet with him, the summons were received with the deepest gratification by the Class he called under his roof.

Five years later we are again honored by his remembrance, and in accepting his invitation we desire to give expression to the veneration and love we bear this loyal, earnest friend of our early manhood. In his letter Ecob fitly voices the appreciation of his classmates: "It is such a gracious thing for Professor North to do for our Class; men of other Classes have said to me, 'Why this great honor upon '69?' I replied, 'Because we loved him so.' 'Well, and so did we, and so did we, and yet he gave us no dinner to make merry with our friends.' You see how courted is every laurel leaf of recognition from his hands. Sixty-nine will walk among the Classes at Commencement like Joseph among his brethren."



Amos James Allen

AMOS J. ALLEN,
Cambridge, Wis.

Amos James Allen was born at Walesville, N. Y., Dec. 12th, 1843.

His early life was passed in his native town. He went to Whitestown Seminary, and made his preparation for college in that institution. He entered Hamilton with the Class of 1867. He was not connected with that class, however, except in passing the entrance examinations, but was a member of '69 during its entire course.

After leaving Hamilton he spent some time at Walesville. He then went west, and finally located at Cambridge, Wis. Here he has since remained, being extensively engaged in the lumber business, which interest has occupied his entire attention while living in Wisconsin. He has fully identified himself with the civic affairs of his town and county, having held in them numerous offices of trust and responsibility.

He was married May 28th, 1878, to Miss Isabella Dow. Five children have been born to them, but two of whom are now living.

He is a trustee and attendant of the Cambridge Presbyterian Church. He was present at the re-union, and was most cordially greeted by his classmates who were there, none of whom had met him since graduation.

Charles Anderson.

Prof. CHARLES ANDERSON,
Robert College, Constantinople, Turkey.

Charles Anderson, Jr., was born at Sennett, N. Y., April 4th, 1847. His preparation was made in the Friends' Academy, at Union Springs, N. Y., from which institution he passed into '69 at the opening of Sophomore year. Before graduating he accepted a position as teacher in Robert College, Constantinople. He went out in the summer of 1869, passing through England and France on his journey. His department in the college was a miscellaneous one. During his vacations he visited most of the important places in European and Asiatic Turkey. He remained in Constantinople three years. On his return to the United States he entered Auburn Theological Seminary, where he passed one year. He finished his theological studies at Andover, Mass.

He accepted a pastoral call to North Woburn, Mass., where he remained until August, 1888, when he returned to Robert College, having been appointed to a responsible position in that institution. He was married on a July day during the seventies to some lady of Cornwall-on-the-Hudson. In his letter he says:

"I am sorry not to be able to lunch with you all at Prof. North's. I envy every one of you the luxury of being with him once more and of being together. It would certainly make me twenty-five years younger. My life so far has been so uninteresting to any of my classmates that I will not mention it. I am here, where I began immediately after graduation, teaching in Robert College, and nothing would give me greater pleasure than to welcome any of my old classmates. Twenty-seven years ago I had the unspeakable joy of being here when our dear Prof. North was here for a few days, and how I wish he would repeat that visit! Of course, I think that I live in the most delightful spot in the world, and have the pleasantest work and the best home. Still, one sometimes longs to get back into the old life and inspiration of the United States. We have an Alumni that compensates often for the sacrifices we make in being away from America. Give my hearty salutation to all, and as I have got to be an Oriental you will pardon me if I ask you to hug and kiss our beloved Prof. North. I am sorry to write so hastily, but am none the less

Affectionately yours,

CHARLES ANDERSON."

Samuel Farwell Bagg.

SAMUEL F. BAGG,

Watertown, N. Y. .

Samuel Farwell Bagg was born at Utica, September 13th, 1848. His preparation for college was made in the schools of Utica. He entered Hamilton in 1865.

He spent the first two years after graduation in teaching; first at Unadilla, N. Y., where he remained one term, afterwards at Prattsburg, as Principal of Franklin Academy, for two years. He then gave up teaching and was a salesman in a machinery house in New York one year. For four years, ending with 1876, he was secretary of the Utica Steam Engine Company. He then read law, joining the Hamilton law class, and was admitted to the bar in April, 1887. He did not practice long, however, as he soon accepted the position of secretary aud treasurer of the Watertown Steam Engine Company. In this profitable business he is still engaged. He has served as Vice-President of the Ontario Paper Company, President of the Building and Loan Association, director of the Watertown National Bank, and Vice President of the Watertown Street Railway Company. He is an elder in the Presbyterian Church, and the Superintendent of its Sunday School. He was married September 3d, 1874, to Miss Mary Louise Young, of Brooklyn, N. Y. His daughter, Eunice, was born in 1887.

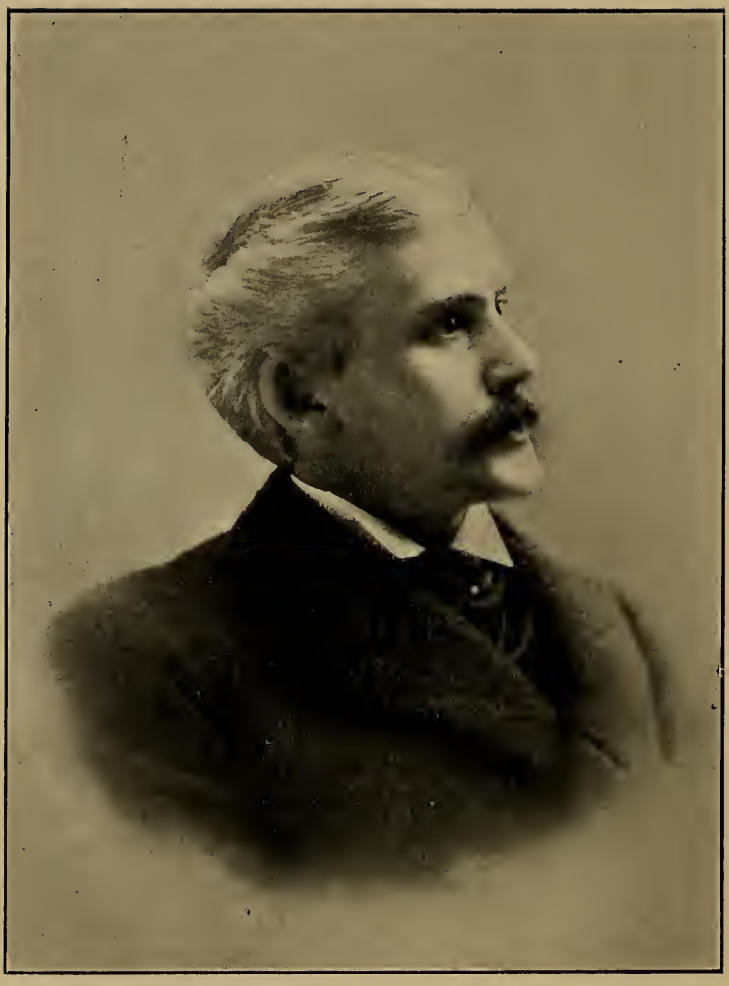
To his classmates he writes:

"I think Luther says 'If a man is not handsome at twenty, strong at thirty, rich at forty, and wise at fifty, he will never be handsome, strong, rich, or wise.' Having successfully resisted exposure, as Otis Glover would say, to the first three distinctions, I am just now pleading for a tardy day of grace on the fourth, but with no hope of success. Luther was not qualified to speak for this day and generation, anyway.

I am engaged in the same business, living in the same house, and have the same friends and associates as ten years ago, for which I am truly grateful. I am now expecting to be with you Commencement, and anticipate a great deal of enjoyment.

Very truly yours,

S. F. BAGG."



Charles Densmore Barrows

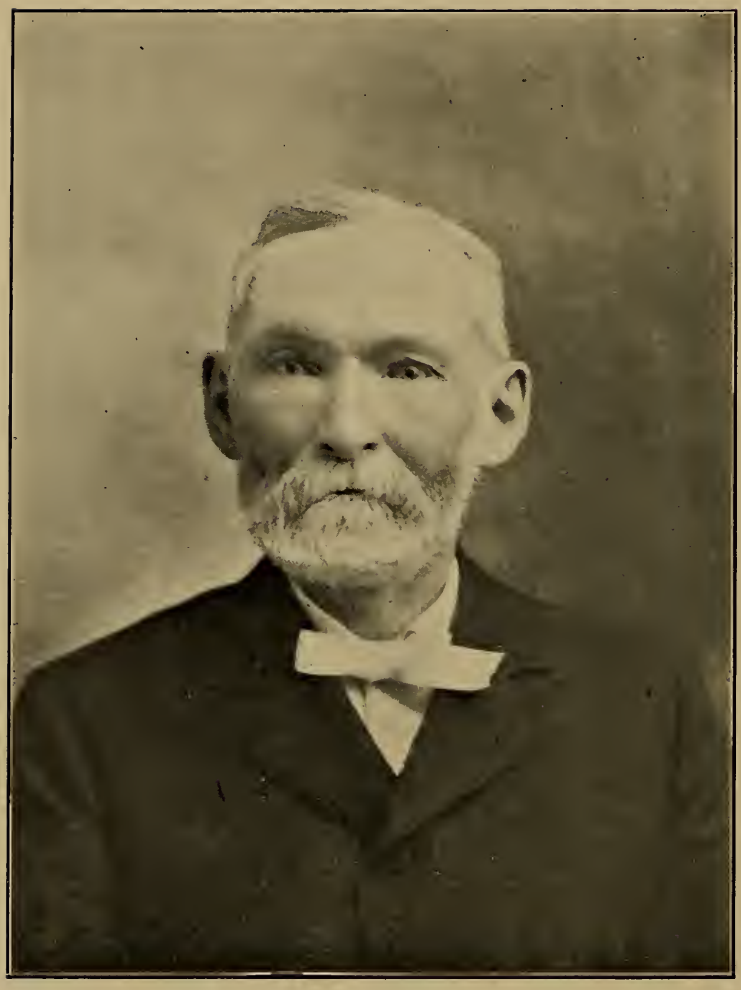
Rev. CHARLES D. BARROWS,
Clinton, N. Y.

Charles Densmore Barrows was born at Clinton, N. Y., May 6th, 1848. He studied at the Rural High School under Rev. B. W. Dwight, Ph. D., and entered in the fall of 1864. An accident in the gymnasium compelled him to leave college one year, when he joined the Class of '69.

After completing his course he became a member of the Hamilton College law school, from which he graduated in the spring of 1870. He then went to New York, took an optional course in the Columbia law school, and commenced to practice in that city at 99 Nassau street

He continued his work here until 1876, when failing health compelled him to leave New York. For four years he sought to regain his strength, and in 1881 he was so far recovered as to be able to enter the Auburn Theological Seminary. Graduating in 1883 he settled at Jamestown, N. Y., where he had a very successful pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church for three years. He then accepted a very urgent call to the First Presbyterian Church of Oswego, N. Y. Two years ago he gave up his work in Oswego, and is now seeking to recover his health in New Jersey.

He married Mary B. Richardson, of New York City, September 16th, 1875. They have one son, Sterling Barrows, a member of the Class of 1903, Hamilton College. He is the only one of the twenty-eight living sons of '69 who has thus far entered the Alma Mater of his father.



John Everett Beecher.

Rev. JOHN E. BEECHER,
Onondaga Valley, N. Y.

John Ellsworth Beecher was born at Ellsworth, Conn., January 22d, 1842. He prepared for college at the West Winfield Academy, and passed his entrance examination in September, 1865.

From college he went to Auburn Theological Seminary, where he completed his course in theology. During the summer vacations he preached at Collamer, N. Y., and Ararat, Pa. He ended his course at Auburn in poor health, and after preaching three months at Bell Isle, N. Y., spent some time in travelling. He then did pastoral work at Jasper, N. Y., in Michigan at Holt, Cass City, and Bad Axe, and at Washington, Minn. For seven months, beginning with August, 1882, he was an invalid in St. Luke's Hospital, St. Paul, Minn. While convalescing he supplied for a time the Presbyterian Church at Verona, N. Y. Then he was pastor at Rossie, N. Y., 1883–85; at Otisco, N. Y., '85–90; at Manlius, N. Y., '90–92. He has since resided at Onondaga Valley, N. Y., where he owns a home. His mother, an unmarried sister, and Albert W. Mason, a nephew, now a student at Hamilton, comprise his family. He is retired from pastoral work.

For one year while at Bad Axe he was Superintendent of Public Schools.

To the Secretary he writes:

"I have never fully recovered from my severe illness of 1882, and have since labored under great physical infirmity, and am now retired, prematurely old. But I feel as young in spirit as I did thirty years ago, and fairly wonder to find myself fifty-seven years of age. What has become of my life? Well, as a matter of fact it has but just begun. I have eternity for work and enjoyment yet. During the last ten years I have seldom seen a classmate, except Fowler of Syracuse, who has recently done me a very kind service in helping me out of a financial tangle into which I had foolishly allowed myself to be led."

To the members of '69 he says:

"*My dear Classmates:*

I do so hope to meet the most of you upon our twentieth year reunion! I have not seen many of you since graduation, and I shall scarcely hope to see again most of those I expect to look upon in Benedict Hall next Commencement.

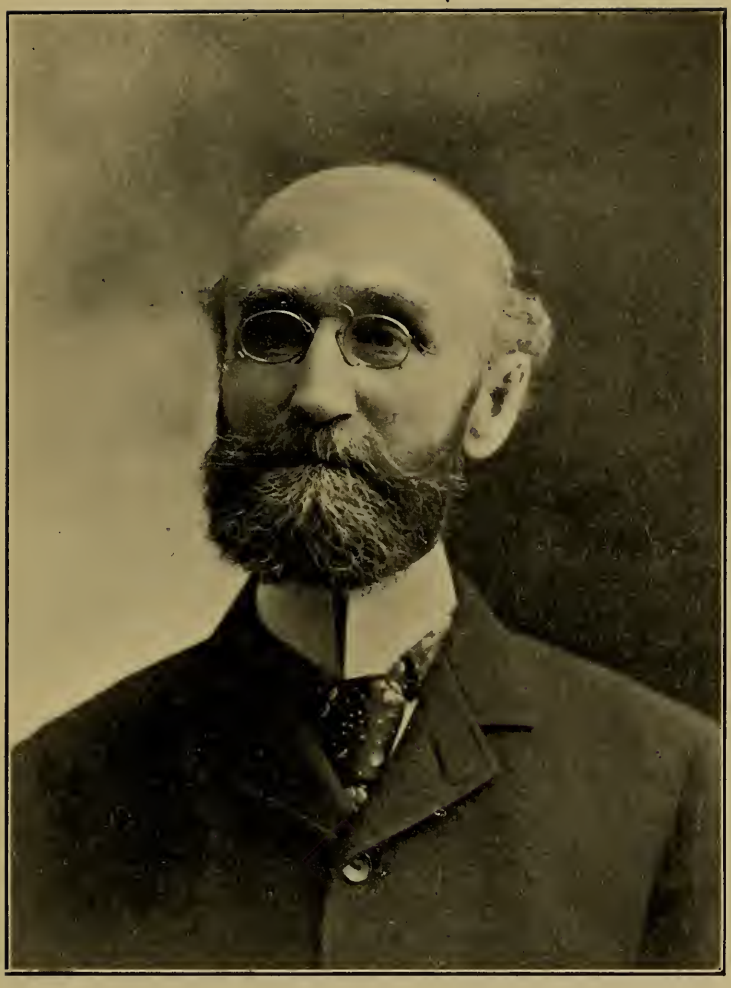
I need say nothing about myself, for you will read my history as Downing records it. There won't appear *much* to read there, but were not you always forbearing with me? Most of you have more than made up my defects so far as the worldly honors of the Class are concerned, while I hope that these honors have only bound you the closer to the Father of us all, who uses different dispensations to win the love of his children.

I hope to have more than one reunion with my classmates in the world to come, and that none will be missing in those reunions.

May God bless you all,

J. E. BEECHER."

Entrance to Campus



Henry Harper Benedict.

HENRY H. BENEDICT,

116 Willow street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Henry Harper Benedict was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., October 9th, 1844. In preparing for college he attended in succession Little Falls Academy, Marshall Institute and Fairfield Seminary, teaching in the last two at the same time that he was pursuing his classical studies. He entered '69 at the opening of Sophomore year.

In the fall of 1869 he went into the armory of E. Remington & Sons, at Ilion, N. Y. His work with this firm was of a high order, and he was soon one of the strongest men connected with it. Upon the formation of the company that succeeded the Remingtons, in 1882, he became a member of the new firm, Wyckoff, Seamens & Benedict, proprietors of the Remington typewriter. In this business he has amassed a large fortune, and he is now one of the wealthiest men among the sons of Hamilton.

In his quiet, effective way, he is using intelligently his abundant means for church, for school, for humanity. He has remembered the college of his love, and the beautiful Hall of Languages in which we gather at this hour, and his other generous gifts to the college, vivify the beneficent use he is making of his great opportunities.

Mr. Benedict has been very deeply interested in church work. He was one of the organizing members of the First Presbyterian church of Ilion, N. Y., being an elder and trustee in the same Since 1883, with Mrs. Benedict, he has been a member of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, but during his residence in Brooklyn he has attended the Church of the Pilgrims, of which Dr. Storrs is pastor, and to which his daughter, Miss Helen Benedict, belongs.

He was married at Fort Plain, N. Y., October 10th, 1867, to Miss Maria Nellis.

His life has not been without sorrow, three of the four children born to him dying in infancy. He has been a great traveller. He says: "I have been to Europe, Asia and Africa pretty frequently and to Clinton once in twenty years. If I live for twenty years to come I shall be seen oftener in Clinton than in Stamboul."

In 1896 he was elected a Trustee of Hamilton College; the first and only member of our Class to be thus honored.

To his classmates he writes:

"*Dear Classmates:*

I sorely regret that I am not to clasp your hands at the reunion of our Class next June.

A generation has passed since we parted. The ink upon our diplomas is very dry now: there is no danger of blotting it.

Those diplomas set forth that we were educated. Docti sumus. As to some of us, the very quill that wrote the dear President's signature must have winked a knowing wink. Our names were written large in those same diplomas. Some of us—some of you, at least—may have hoped to write our names large in the history of our time. Well, the record is nearly made up. The level we have reached will be the level of our lives, and while probably it is not so high as we hoped, it seems to me that the members of '69 may congratulate one another, and rejoice each for himself, over what the years have brought to us.

Dear Classmates, when you meet at Clinton, I shall be across the sea. I shall think of you with deep regret that I am not with you. We parted in the pleasant summer time thirty years ago—the early summer of our lives. It is still the pleasant summer time; never forget that; the autumn is far away. Let us rejoice in the sunshine and look forward to our next meeting.

Most cordially and affectionately yours,

H. H. BENEDICT."

Benedict Hall.

Rush Walsworth Bissell.

RUSH W. BISSELL,

Died in New York City, December 14th, 1893.

Rush Walsworth Bissell was born in Clinton, N. Y. Here he spent most of his boyhood, making his preparation for college at the Rural High School, with North and Foote, and entering with them in June, 1865.

Very soon after Commencement he married Miss Annie Pinney of Clinton, daughter of the Rev. John B. Pinney, and in a short time removed to Lynchburg, Va. Here he was engaged in mercantile interests and was also proprietor of a newspaper. He returned north in the summer of 1872. Locating at Lockport, N. Y., he secured several important contracts for building canal boats. Afterwards, and until the time of his death, he lived in New York City and was member of a firm engaged in railroad construction in the coal regions of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Bissell was present at the twentieth anniversary of our graduation. He brought with him the air of thrift and generous living that characterizes the successful New Yorker, and his genial presence kept the meeting aglow from its opening to its close.

His business ventures, for a time very successful, in the end proved unfortunate. These reverses and the repeated afflictions and bereavements, in the sickness and death of his children, were borne by him in a brave, manly way, but told heavily upon him. During the brief illness which resulted in his death he was patiently resigned to the Divine Will and expressed himself as trusting alone in the Mercy of the Redemption.

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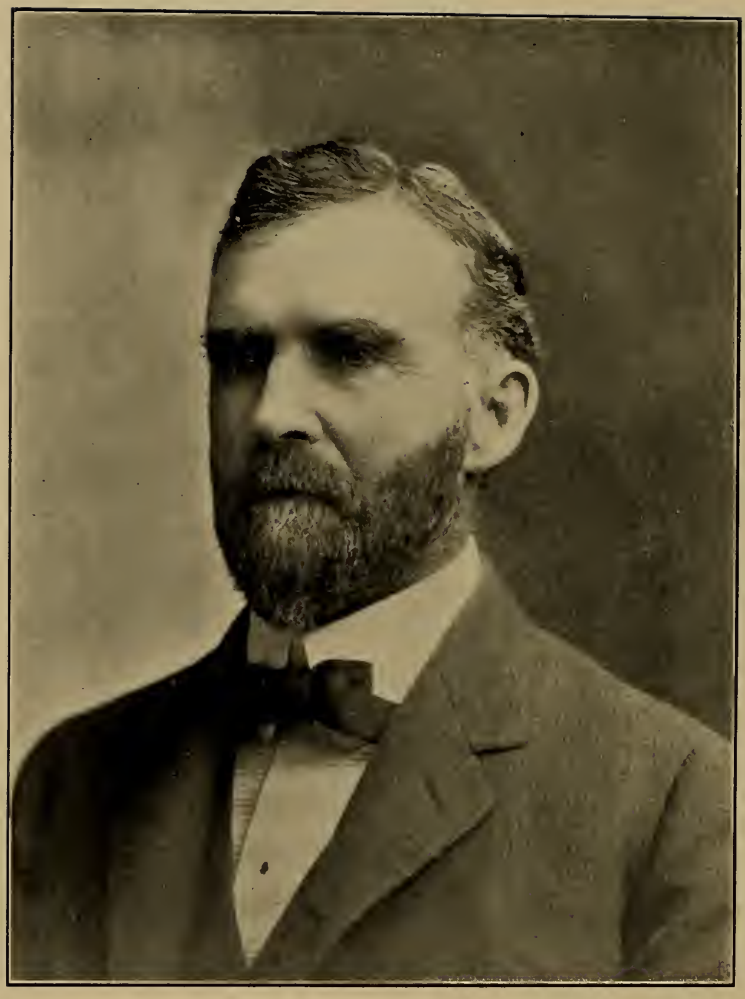


Channing John Brown.

Hon. CHANNING J. BROWN,
Topeka, Kan.

Channing John Brown was born in Oakfield, N. Y., October 31st, 1846, and entered college in September, 1865, from Lima Seminary.

Very soon after Commencement he began to study law with Hon. Seth Wakeman of Batavia, N. Y. Four months later he engaged in the enterprise of organizing a colony of one hundred members to build a town in Kansas. The quota was filled, and in March, 1870, the town was located at the junction of the Little Blue and Big Blue rivers in Marshall County, and christened Blue Rapids. He was the lawyer of the colony, and served as town clerk, trustee, and wherever he could best advance the interests of the place.

In November, 1874, he was elected to the lower house of the State Legislature for the term of one year, and in November, 1876, was elected to the State Senate for the term of four years. In 1880 he was appointed Clerk of the Supreme Court of Kansas.

Since 1879 the Secretary has been unable to get any communication from him, excepting a brief letter with his photograph, for which we are truly thankful, although continued, persistent efforts have been made, and his later history, unfortunately, cannot here be given. Griggs mentions him as still holding the court position in 1889, and interested also in mining.

JOPLIN, Mo., Feb. 7th, 1900.

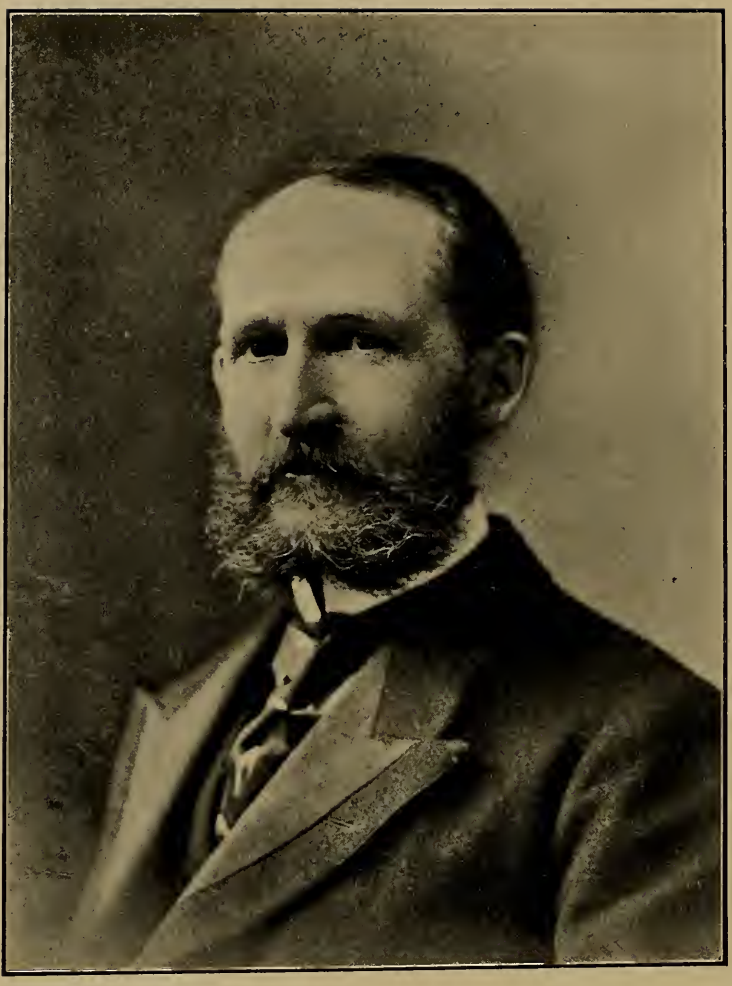
My dear Downing:

Foote and Griggs both remind me that I have not sent you a photograph or a word for the thirty-year record of our class. I write this note to promise, at least, a photograph within a few days. The artist risked his instrument on me to-day.

I am still living in Topeka, but am spending some time in this zinc and lead mining district.

Yours very truly,

C. J. BROWN.



Francis Marion Burdick.

Prof. FRANCIS M. BURDICK, LL. D.,
Columbia Law School, New York.

Francis Marion Burdick was born at DeRuyter, N. Y., August 1st, 1845. His preparation for college was commenced at a country district school, continued at the DeRuyter Institute, and completed at Cazenovia Seminary in the spring of 1862. He entered Hamilton in September, 1865. Soon after graduation he accepted a position in Whitestown Seminary, having charge of the classical department. At the close of the first term he resigned to take a place on the corps of the *Utica Morning Herald.* North was already on the paper, and about a year later Wickson was added to the editorial corps, half the force being thus from the Class of 1869. He continued his connection with the *Herald* until June, 1872, when he entered a law office, having been previously admitted to the bar. On the first day of January, 1874, he became a member of the law firm of Beardsley, Cookinham & Burdick, of Utica, which was changed afterwards to Beardsley, Burdick & Beardsley.

In March, 1882, after a very exciting canvass, he was elected Mayor of Utica on a citizens ticket. In September of the same year he was chosen to the law professorship in Hamilton College, which had recently become vacant by the resignation of Dr. Evans. Professor Burdick is thus the only representative our class has had in the Faculty of Hamilton. It was well represented, however, by his work there, as he soon became one of the strongest and most popular professors in the College.

To the great disappointment of the entire body of students and his associates in the Faculty he resigned early in 1887, to accept one of the professorships in the law school of Cornell University. His work here was characterized by the same dignity, thoroughness and strength which had given him so strong a hold upon the students of his Alma Mater. It is not surprising, then, that New York, always avaricious for what is best, called him from Cornell to a law professorship in Columbia University after four years successful work at Ithaca. In this labor he still finds pleasure, profit, contentment.

He was appointed by President Cleveland inspector of coinage in 1888.

He is a Presbyterian and has served as ruling elder in Utica, Ithaca and New York.

He has published "Cases on Torts," "Cases on Sales," "Cases on Partnerships," "The Law of Partnership," and a large number of articles on legal subjects in various law magazines.

June 8th, 1875, he married Sarah Underhill Kellogg, daughter of Charles C. Kellogg, '49, of Utica. Four numbers are taken by the Burdick children in the new roll call of '69. In 1895 he went abroad with his family, one particularly enjoyable feature of the tour being frequent bicycle rides over the fine roads of England with his sturdy youngsters. He came back alone and the next year returned for his family who had passed the winter in Germany.

He is President of the Patria Club of New York, a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Club and of the Barnard and Century Clubs. The degree of LL. D., was conferred upon him by the College in 1897.

Eugene Cheeseman.

Rev. EUGENE CHEESEMAN,
Died at Webster, N. Y., July 27, 1886.

Eugene Cheeseman was born in New Hudson, March 11, 1843, and prepared for college at Springville Academy. He was admitted to the class of 1868, in September, 1864. but immediately enlisted as a private in the 90th Regiment, N. Y. S. Vols. He was mustered out of service at Washington, D. C., July 3d, 1865, and re-entered college in the class of 1869.

In 1869 he was appointed principal of the Coxsackie Academy, and in 1870 was appointed principal of the Marion Collegiate Institute. He held this position for two years. In 1872 he entered the Junior class of Rochester Theological Seminary, and in 1873 the Middle class of Auburn Theological Seminary. He was licensed to preach by the Lyons Presbytery, April 14, 1874. In December, 1869, he was married to Miss M. Eliza Holt, of Webster. At the time of his death Mr. Cheeseman was pastor-elect of the Presbyterian church at Skaneateles. He began his work there November 1st, 1885.

His brief ministry of a little less than eleven years, was very active and fruitful. He was ordained after graduating from Auburn Theological Seminary in the class of '75, by the Presbytery of Otsego, at Sidney Plains, where he labored most successfully for two years. He was called to Fowlerville in 1878, and here his church soon experienced a most wonderful and gracious revival, resulting in large additions to the church. But in this field the faithful pastor overworked, and was never as well afterward, though he was not at any time obliged to give up the ministry entirely. At Rose Valley, and Mount Pleasant, Mich., where he afterwards ministered, his labors were signally blessed. After supplying the pulpit of the Presbyterian church at Shortville for several months, he was called to Skaneateles. This church had been for a long time without a pastor, and they were greatly rejoiced in having found a man so capable, kind, and earnest. Mr. Cheeseman preached with unusual energy and unction to his people both morning and evening of July 4th. On July 11th he arranged to exchange with one of the pastors in Syracuse. But Saturday morning he was too ill to go, and the exchange was abandoned. He never preached again. Though

he rallied and was able to go on his vacation to the home of his wife's parents at Webster, he continued to grow worse until death ended his sufferings and his labors on July 27th, 1886. Mr. Cheeseman leaves a wife and one daughter and a large circle of bereaved relatives and friends. He was truly beloved by all who knew him. He was gentle and winning in manner, friendly with all, and a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. As a preacher he was earnest, plain, evangelical. He believed and preached the good old Gospel, and won thereby men to Christ, and strengthened the brethren.

He was buried at Webster, N. Y., on Thursday afternoon, July 29th, from the beautiful country home of his wife's parents. The services were conducted by his warm personal friend, the Rev. William A. Rice, pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian church of Syracuse, assisted by the pastors of the Methodist, Episcopal, and Baptist churches of Skaneateles. He was tenderly carried to his grave by his faithful and devoted Session.

Silliman Hall and South College.

Jeremiah Meacham Chrysler.

Rev. JEREMIAH M. CHRYSLER,

Died at Blandford, Mass., February 7, 1895.

Jeremiah Meacham Chrysler was born at Theresa, N. Y., March 2, 1841. He varied his preparatory course by teaching in the district schools in the vicinity of his native town, finishing his preparation at the Jefferson County Institute at Watertown. However, in the fall of 1862 he entered the army as a member of the 10th N. Y. Heavy Artillery, remaining in the service until the close of the war. Though an artillery regiment, the 10th served largely as infantry. They saw service at Washington; from the Rappahannock to Cold Harbor, and before Petersburg. They were in the Shenandoah Valley with Sheridan, and again on the Bermuda Hundred front during the last winter of the rebellion.

He joined the class of '69 at the beginning of sophmore year. He entered the Auburn Theological Seminary the fall after graduation, and completed the course there in 1872. During his last year in the seminary he supplied the Presbyterian church at Collamer, N. Y., and in the summer of 1872 was ordained, and installed as its pastor.

During his efficient service in this place he organized a church at East Syracuse, N. Y., the outgrowth of Sunday school and neighborhood preaching. At its twenty-fifth anniversary held last year, the pastor who succeeded Mr. Chrysler, spoke of the firmness and strength its founder had given to the church, and stated that the spiritual power of its earlier years had largely determined its course in later years. In the new church recently dedicated is a beautiful memorial window to Mr. Chrysler's memory.

While at Collamer he received an urgent call to a thriving church in Stillwater, N. Y., where he remained until 1889, when he became pastor of the Congregational church at Blandford, Mass. His work here was very similar to that he performed while at Collamer. He found at North Blandford the remnant of a church —a building burned, and members scattered, unfriendly, discouraged. Mr. Chrysler gathered them for preaching Sunday afternoons, and as a result a strong church was organized and a beautiful place of worship built, free of debt. There is a great deal written nowadays about the "Decay of Churches in the New England

Hill Towns," but this labor of Mr. Chrysler shows that it need not be true.

His death occurred at Blandford very suddenly, February 7, 1895, the result of a severe attack of pneumonia, the illness of the previous year, to which he refers in his letter, having greatly impaired his strength.

He was married to Emilie Lord Knowles, of Copenhagen, N. Y., June 19, 1872. Two children were born to them.

The letter following was the last communication received from him, and was read at the reunion in 1894. While few members of the class ever met him after Commencement, no one who knew him well in the old days, can fail to catch the spirit that breathes through his last message to us.

BLANDFORD, Mass.,
June 21st, 1894.

I have written in reply to a note from Dr. North, that it will be impossible for me to come to the gathering of the old class. I have a double parish and a great amount of work to be done in both. Just now we are finishing a church at my second preaching place and we may dedicate it next week. Will certainly in a few days. Was "gripped," too, during the winter, and so my work got somewhat behindhand.

The old fellows are no longer *boys*. You may tell them that one who is quite a little gray salutes them. I would dearly love to meet them, especially as the gathering is to be under the roof of dear Dr. North. May it be a long time ere he "about to die salutes" us. It was exceedingly kind of him to invite us to gather under his roof-tree—I shall feel myself a guest of his though I am many miles away.

Give my warmest greetings to all the fellows, of whom there must be many left, though some I know have fallen in death.

Yours very truly,

J. M. CHRYSLER.

Frederic Erastus Cleveland.

FREDERIC E. CLEVELAND,

Died at La Junta, Col., April 2, 1884.

Frederic Erastus Cleveland was born in the village of Madison, Madison Co., New York, July 1, 1847. His preparation for college was made at the Waterville Academy, from which institution he entered Hamilton, September, 1865. His life-work was chosen even before he commenced his college course, and during this period he kept it steadily in view. The month following his graduation he went to New York, where he commenced the study of law with the firm of Pinckney & Campbell, 78 Nassau St. He was admitted to the bar in April, 1870, and soon after became a member of the law firm of Pritchard, Smith & Cleveland, 49 Wall St. The partnership was a successful one. The untiring industry and honorable dealings of Mr. Cleveland brought him into many important legal cases, and in them all he never forgot that he was a Christian gentleman. He desired success in the profession he loved so well; but he sought only that which was free from stain, that which was above reproach. He united with the LaFayette Avenue Presbyterian church in Brooklyn. In this sphere of his life he found great pleasure, and in many ways especially endeared himself to the young people of the congregation. For one year he was president of the Young People's Association of that church, but was obliged to decline a re-election on account of failing health and pressing business cares. He was interested in politics, serving as a member of the Republican General Committee, and was nominated for the Assembly, but was unable to accept the nomination proffered.

On October 6, 1875, he was married to Catherine Sexton Aldrich, of Palmyra, N. Y. Two children blessed this union, Frederic Aldrich and Catherine. Those of us who were present at the decennial reunion in 1879, recall with pleasure his appearance then. His bright face, boyish almost in its freshness and beauty, gave no warning that the terrible enemy before whom Wetmore had fallen, and with whom King had already entered upon a hopeless struggle, would soon darken his own life. His quaint humor continually enlivened the little circle that gathered there, and his buoyant spirit seemed shadowed only by the thought that so few

of the old boys of '69 had come back. The contest that came soon after with his disease—consumption—was fought bravely, manfully. He desired life—life to complete in his chosen profession the work he had begun so well—life to cherish and foster the young wife and beautiful children with whom his own existence was so closely entwined—life to bring forth the fruits of integrity, faithfulness, righteousness. When, however, the truth dawned upon him that this was to be denied him, he suffered on with rare gentleness and patience until his Master called.

After a severe hemorrhage, the end came peacefully to him on April 2, 1884, in the little town of La Junta, Colorado, whither he had gone in his fruitless search for strength. He was buried in the cemetery at Palmyra, N. Y.

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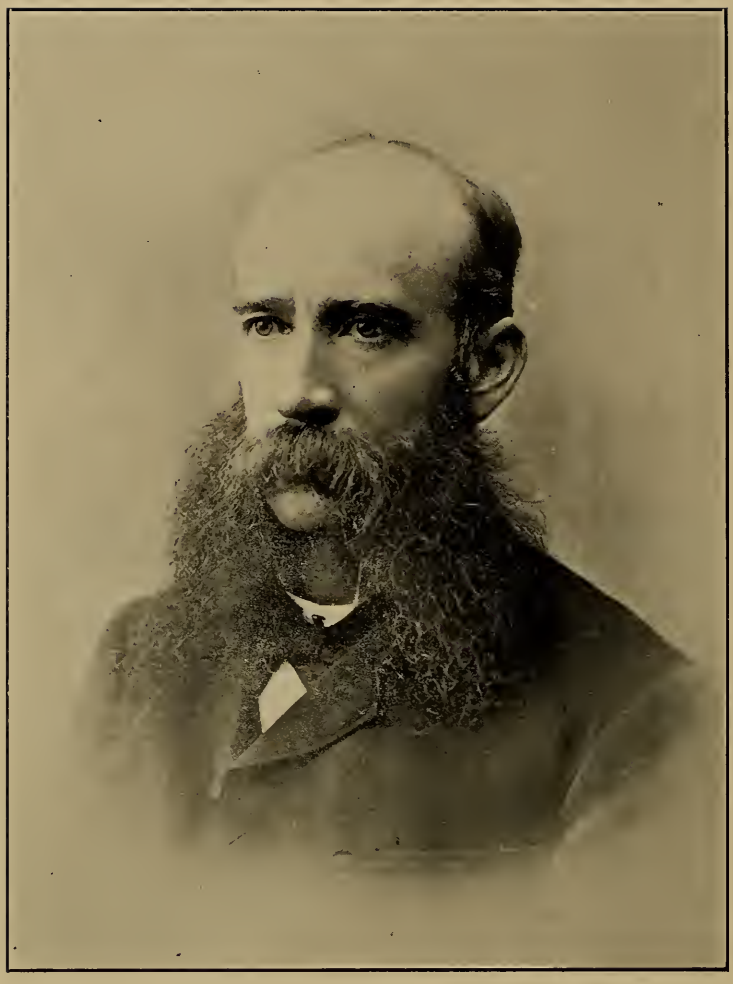


John Dykeman Conley.

Prof. JOHN D. CONLEY, Ph. D.,
Carlinville, Ill.

John Dykeman Conley, was born in Brockport, N. Y., September 14, 1843. He graduated at the State Normal School at Albany in 1863, and in the fall of the same year became principal of the public school at Roslyn, L. I. He taught here until the spring of 1865. During the summer he finished his preparatory studies, and entered at the beginning of the course with '69.

Soon after graduation he accepted a position in Blackburn University at Carlinville, Ill. In 1871 he was elected professor of natural science in the university. This position he held until 1887, when he resigned to accept the professorship of geology in the State University of Wyoming, at Laramie, Wy. Here he remained until 1896, when he was called back to Blackburn as professor of geology, his present work. Both at Laramie and Carlinville his educational work has been of a high order, the geological charts he has published being among the very best that have appeared on that subject. He has one of the most complete geological cabinets in the country.

Professor Conley has been an active citizen, too, always deeply interested in the civic welfare of his town. For three terms he was elected alderman in Carlinville, and while at Laramie he was vice president of the Board of Trade three years and its president one year. He also served as vice-president of the Building and Loan Association of the same place.

In the Episcopal church he has been a warden for twenty-five years, and a lay reader for fifteen. He was secretary of the Standing Committee of the jurisdiction of Idaho and Wyoming for nine years.

He was married March 20, 1873, to Miss Virginia Carey Mayo, Carlinville, Ill. His son graduated at the Chicago Medical College in 1897, and is now practicing medicine at Oshkosh, Wis. His daughter is a member of the sophomore class in Blackburn, in

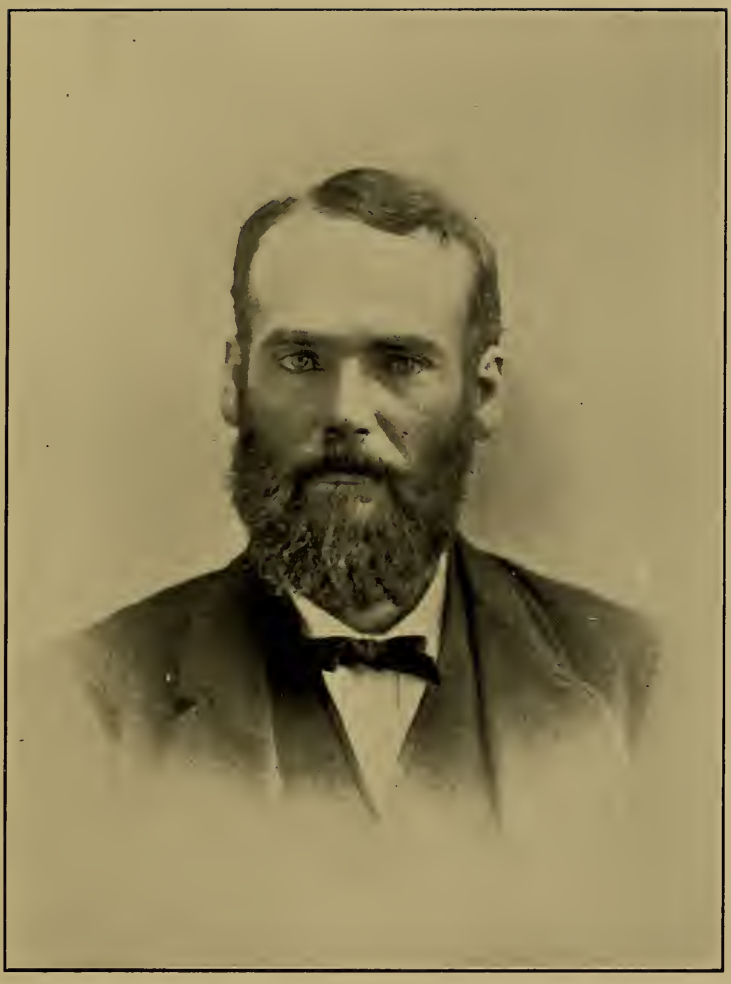
which she has the highest rank in scholarship. He received the degree of Ph. D. in 1888, from Blackburn University. His picture is from a negative taken in 1888.

He writes:

Well, boys, I know just how each one of you looked thirty years ago, although I have met few of you since that time. Still, my memory goes away back to '69, and I see you as you were then. I would like to be with you on our thirtieth anniversary, but trust that I may have the pleasure of meeting with you *all* on our thirty-fifth or fortieth celebration. Good-bye. A happy re-union to all.

J. D. CONLEY.

CARLINVILLE, Ill., May 20, '99.



Kirk Peter Crandall.

KIRK P. CRANDALL,
Ithaca, N. Y.

Kirk Peter Crandall, the valedictorian of the class, was born in Bridgewater, N. Y., 1844.

He studied at the West Winfield Academy, finishing his classical preparation at Whitestown Seminary. Before entering college he had some practical experience as a member of a surveying party on the Chenango canal.

After graduation he resumed this work, having secured an important position on the Ithaca & Tonawanda Railroad, and later on the New York & Boston road. Both of these places he filled with credit. He continued his labors as an engineer on various roads in the west until 1879, when an important contract took him to Africa.

Mr. Crandall then went to Brazil and afterwards to Tome, Chili, where he remained until the Balmaceda war began, and all public works money was needed for the purchase of powder. He returned to the States and was employed in the south and west on different railroad enterprises until 1893, when he went to Ithaca, N. Y., being employed as engineer by the water works and street railroad companies of that place. He came on to the re-union in 1894, and was very warmly welcomed by his classmates who had not seen him since 1869. He is still engaged in engineering work at Ithaca. His picture is from a negative taken in 1889.

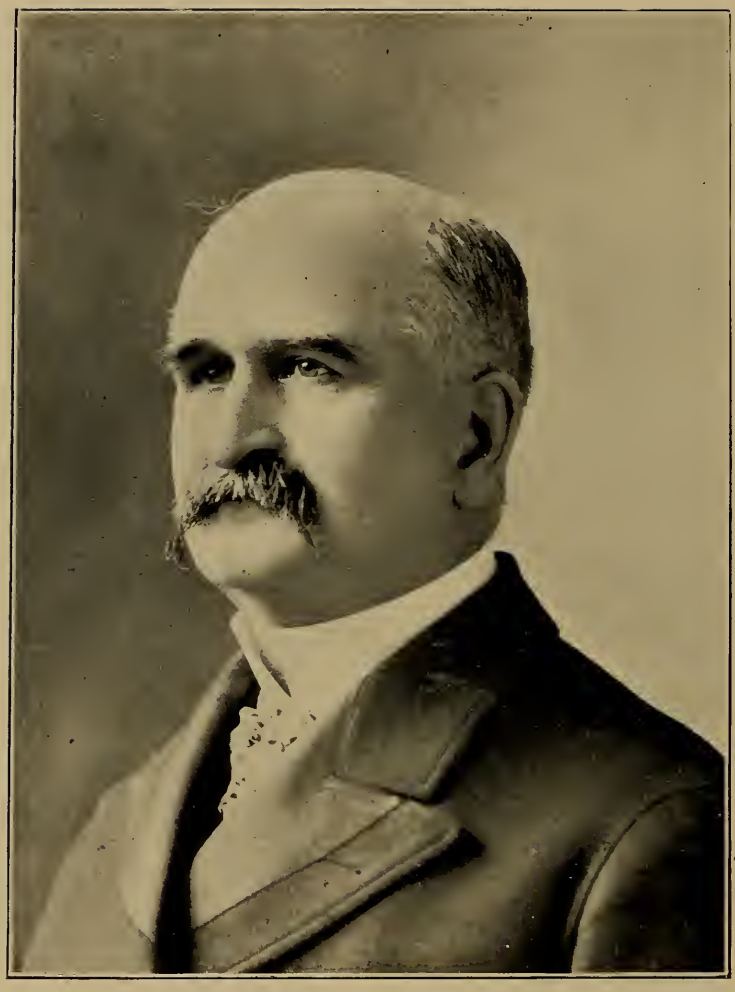
EDGAR W. CROWELL,

Died at Rome, N. Y., April 10, 1868.

Edgar Ward Crowell was born at Rome, N. Y., in 1847. He made his preparation for college at the Rome Academy, and entered Hamilton as a Freshman in the fall of 1865.

About two weeks before the junior exhibition he left college to be absent a few days at his home. Very soon after his arrival he had an attack of scarlet fever, which, however, was not regarded as at all dangerous. On Junior Exhibition day it was said that a relapse would prevent him from being present. This proved to be too acute for his weakened powers, and he died from its effects April 10, 1868. He was buried in the cemetery of his native town.

Crowell's was a thoroughly honest nature, always frank and outspoken, always warmhearted, generous and genial. Greatly was he missed in his college home; missed in his class where he was so popular; missed in the gatherings of the brotherhood he loved; missed by a large circle of acquaintances, and missed, sadly missed in the home his early death so deeply darkened.



William Lee Downing.

WILLIAM L. DOWNING,

447 Genesee St., Utica, N. Y.

William Lee Downing, son of Roswell and Sarah Bird Downing, was born in Verona, N. Y., December 27, 1846. His early classical training was received in the Oneida Seminary. The last year of his college preparation was passed in Cazenovia Seminary, where he had as fellow students, Burdick, Lillibridge, Searle and Kneeland, of the class of 1869.

In September following graduation he began teaching in Oneida seminary, the institution in which most of his preparation had been made. He had charge of the classical department. He remained here for one term and then went to Whitestown Seminary as teacher of Greek. This position he held until September, 1877, when he was selected by the Utica board of school commissioners as teacher of ancient languages in the academy. In this work he is still engaged.

During his service at Whitestown and Utica he has assisted in the college preparation of the following men, whose names appear in the triennial catalogue of his beloved Alma Mater, or in the current roll of undergraduates of the college: Beecher, Clark, Coats, Enos, Knox, Penny, '74; Armstrong, Ball, Child, Cowles, George, Hyland, Keck, Knox, Lewis, McLean, Potter, Woods, '75; Allbright, Barber, Matteson, McClean, Stafford, '76; Griffith, Kimberly, Laird, Yovtcheff, '77; Adams, Scoville, Sherman, '78; Allen, Carter, Dunham, Getman, Gorton, Jennings, Ogden, Reid, Walker, '79; Beckwith, Curtis, Getman, Griffith, White, '80; Groves, Hess, Hughes, Moyer, Skinner, '81; Calder, Jones, Kendall, '82; Jones, '83; Maynard, '84; Marsh, '85; Garrett, Jenks, McMillan, Sicard, '86; Hemmens, Hoyt, Loomis, Rogers, Walker, '87; Everett, '88; Rice, Knowlson, Rodgers, '89; Hughes, '90; Coventry, Weaver, '91; Jones, Shepard, '92; Baker, Cadwallader, '93; Baker, '94; Balch, Carmalt, Chambers, Peterson, '95; Cookinham, '96; Fetterly, McGregor, '97; Butler, Cunningham, Kimball, Turnbull, '98; Callahan, Cunningham, Merwin, Owen, '99; F. Cookinham, R. U. Cookinham, '00; Bartholomew, Quinn, '01; Butler, Lewis, Miller,

Simon, '02 ; Beckwith, Hodges, Miller, Jackson, '03; S. Sherman, R. U. Sherman, Wicks, '04.

He is a member of the New York State Teachers' Association, of the Utica Chamber of Commerce, of the Oneida Historical Society, and of the Fort Schuyler and Yah-nun-da-sis Clubs of Utica, being a director in the latter.

Since the death of his friend, the late James L. Lowery, of Utica, in 1895, he has served as one of the three executors and trustees of Mr. Lowery's estate. When not occupied by his duties and interests in Utica, he is a practical farmer, spending such time as he can secure upon his farm at Kenwood, N. Y. He has traveled quite generally in the States and Canada, and in 1887 was abroad for several months with William J. Woods, '75.

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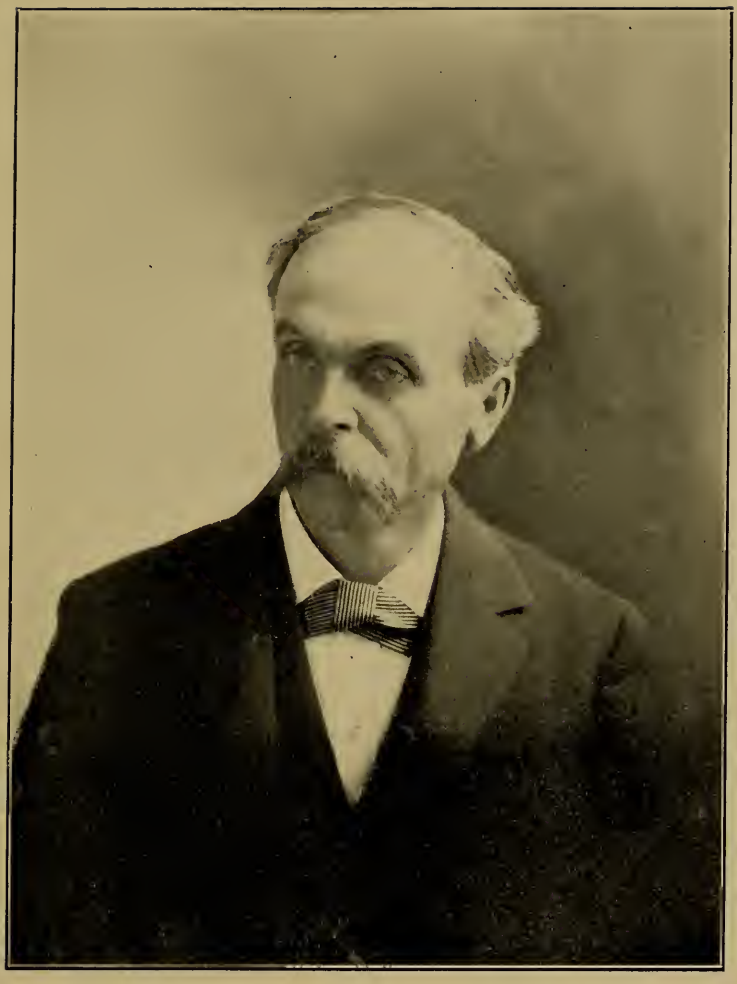


George Edward Draper.

GEORGE E. DRAPER,

Sidney, Ia.

George Edward Draper was born at Springfield, Mich., March 28, 1847. He prepared at Dryden Academy, and entered the class in the Fall of 1865.

For one year after graduation he held a position as teacher in the academy at Penn Yan, N. Y. He then taught some time in Sidney, Fremont County, Ia., afterwards studying law in the same place. Here he has since practiced his profession, his life, as he says, "Being the duplicate of that of any hard-working, attentive, country lawyer. Not much poetry about it, and not much to satisfy ambition for place or honor."

He was married at Sidney, October 23, 1873, to Ada B. Loose, They have had four children.

In a letter to Dr. Foote, a resident of Sidney speaks of Mr. Draper as being one of the strong men of his town. He is a lawyer with a valuable practice and has a large property. He writes:

SIDNEY, Ia., Nov. 6th, 1899.

I believe I have not met one of the '69 boys since 1870, and so it may not seem strange that I should feel that what I am would be matter of little interest to them I did have that thought, but when Bro. Foote reached first for my pastor and then for my wife, I concluded the boys were in earnest and I had better show up. I made a trip to St. Joseph and had a negative taken for the occasion; had promise that the work would be forwarded the next week. The photos have not yet come and so I conclude not to wait longer. Should they come, I will brand one and send along. You would not know the subject unless branded. Really, I know of nothing connected with myself, unless the simple fact that I am alive, which can be of the slightest interest to you or the boys. Measured by the usual standards, my life has been without success. I have held no office of importance, and am very low down on the ladder. Have had legislative and judicial nominations tendered to me, but have always declined. In fact, I settled down in this country town in 1872 and put out my shingle. Ever since I have plodded along, doing the things ordinarily done by country lawyers, until 1895, when I took charge of a great estate, which has since taken all my time. Measured by my own desires, my life has not been so barren. I have been reasonably successful in my profession, and always

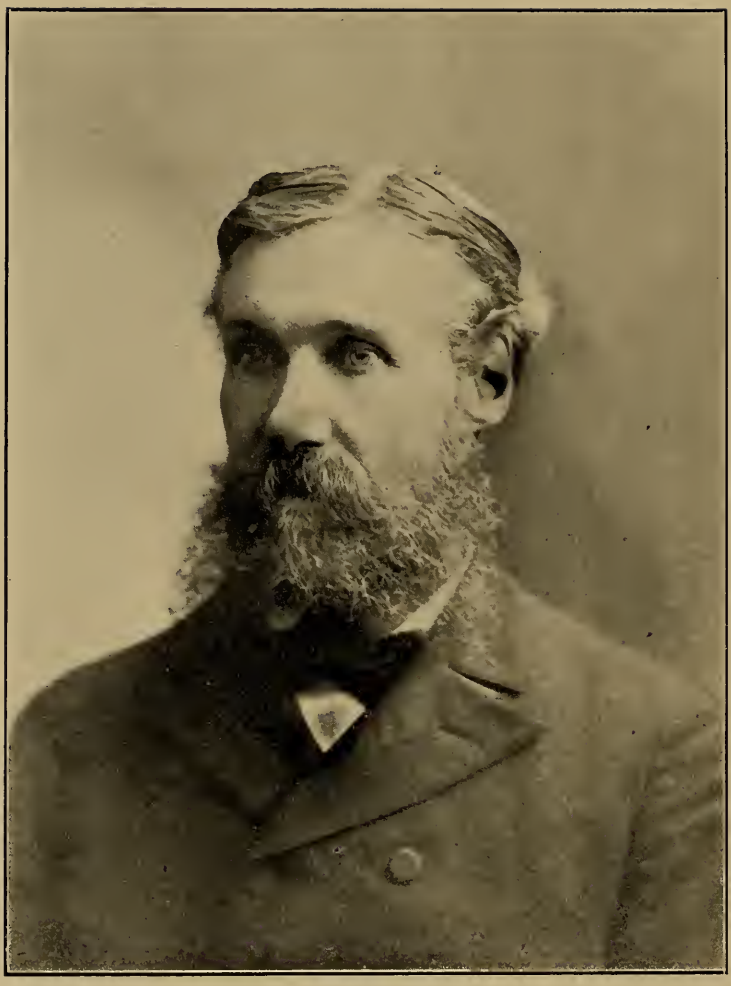
had plenty of true friends. I married most happily, and my home, with wife and three children, gives me more satisfaction than could any preferment. So you see, considered historically, my life has been very dull and tame, while to me it has been quite satisfactory.

It seems strange after thirty years' silence to be writing you. Since writing your name above, the old call, "Downing, Draper, Ecob" has been sounding in my ears and I am surprised at the memories and faces, long unthought of, which the old roll call brings to mind. I ought to have been with you last summer, and indeed I believe I would if the boys had been in mind then as now. I am anxious to-day to hear about the boys and will eagerly look for the class report.

I have only to say now to you and all the boys, that if you should at any time get within reasonable distance of me and fail to make me a visit, I should hold resentment.

Cordially yours,

GEO. E. DRAPER.



James Henry Ecob.

Rev. JAMES H. ECOB, D. D.,
Gilbertsville, N. Y.

James Henry Ecob was born at Buffalo, N. Y., September 7, 1844. His preparation was made at the Cortland Academy.. He spent the summer after graduation in visiting friends, and in September entered the Theological Seminary at Andover, Mass. During his senior year he preached nearly every Sabbath in different places, New York, Boston, Brooklyn, Providence, Newburyport, Augusta, Me. He received a call to the latter place in April, 1872, before he had graduated from the seminary. He accepted. After spending the summer in travel, he was ordained and installed pastor of the Granite Congregational church. Among his parishioners was James G. Blaine. The latter, in a brief interview at Old Orchard, Me., in 1884, told the secretary that he regarded Mr. Ecob as one of the brightest and strongest thinkers of the country in clerical life, and predicted for him a brilliant future.

The class know how fully the prediction of the great statesman has been verified. After a pastorate here of several years he went to Albany, N. Y., in charge of the Second Presbyterian church, as successor to Professor Upson. In 1896 he accepted a call to Denver, Col. The independence of the old Freshman days, which led Ecob "to hurl scorn and defiance in the faces" of too inquisitive Sophomores, has caused vigorous discussion of his opinions in all Presbyterian and Congregational circles.

Although he wrote Secretary Burdick in 1874, "I have given up the poetry business," he filled most acceptably the place of Alumni poet at the meeting of the Hamilton Alumni in 1889. It occasioned very deep regret to his classmates that he was called from Clinton by most urgent business as soon as his poem had been pronounced, and that he was thus unable to be present at our twentieth re-union, which was held on the following day.

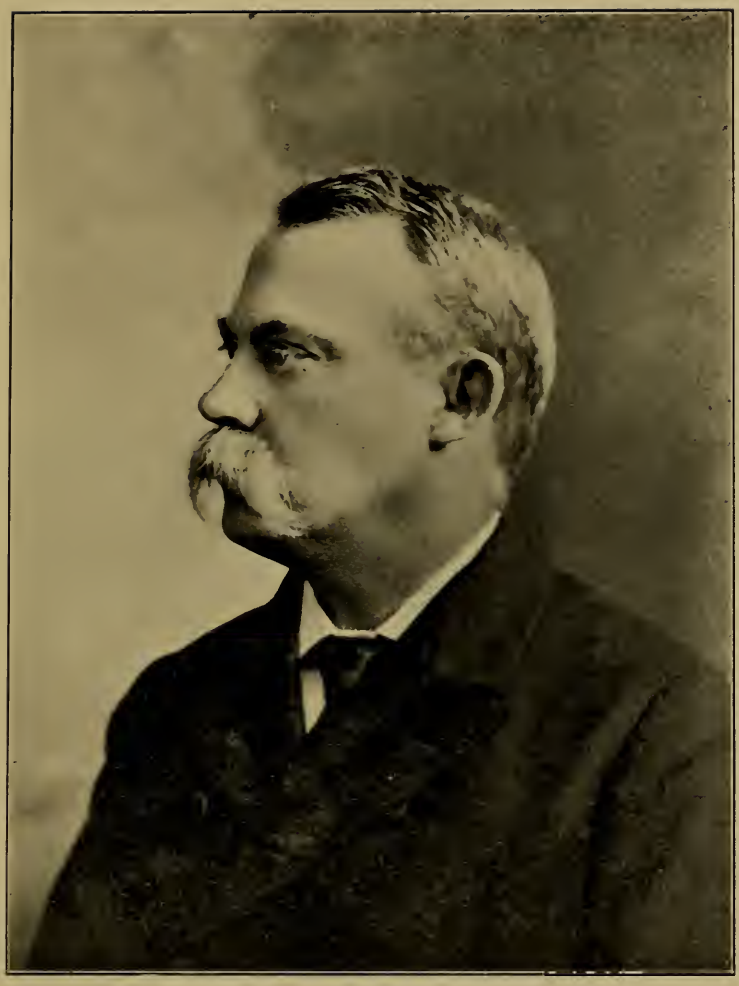
He has been a frequent contributor to the leading periodicals and religious journals of the country. Many of his sermons are published in pamphlet form, the brochure "God in Christ," having had a large circulation. He is deeply interested in the federation

of denominations, and was a pioneer in the movement for interdenominational comity. Dr. Ecob's gifts as a religious teacher are well summed up by the *Outlook*, "A true prophet, a man of almost unique spiritual power . . . . One of the ablest and most vital preachers of the whole country; without a trace of sensationalism; with a fineness of literary finish which few preachers even approach; with the intensity of a Hebrew prophet proclaiming the essential truths of the Christian Revelation."

His summer home is in Gilbertsville, N. Y. Since his return from Colorado, he has lived in the vicinity of New York, engaged in literary work, in preaching and lecturing. He has contributed to Harpers and other magazines, and a volume from his pen will soon be ready for publication.

"Dr. Ecob," his wife writes, "is a stay-at-home, not afflicted with the tape worm of travel, as Emerson puts it. He was in Europe in 1878 with Dr. Bradford. Since then has taken the summer outs in America, either at sea or mountain."

September 12, 1877, he married Helen Lathrop Gilbert. They have one son and three daughters.



Thomas Warner Fitch.

THOMAS W. FITCH,

47 Broad St., New York.

Thomas Warner Fitch was born at Greenville, Ill., December 17, 1844. His preparatory course was passed at the Oneida Seminary; but for several years before entering college he was assistant teller in a bank at Syracuse. He joined the Class of 1869 about the middle of the first term of Freshman year. For six months after graduating he was an associate editor on the staff of the *Syracuse Standard*, when he accepted the position of treasurer's clerk in the New York office of the Delaware & Lackawanna Railroad. Here he remained until 1875, going then to Cairo, Ill., as auditor of the Cairo & Vincennes Railroad, and remaining there six years. From 1892 to 1896 he was in the General Comptroller's office of the Northern Pacific Railroad, part of the time in New York city, and a part in St. Paul, Minn. He returned to New York and bank work in 1896, but a few months later accepted a position with Francis E. Fitch, publisher and printer, in the same city. Here he is still employed.

Mr. Fitch has held strong church relations wherever he has lived. He has served as Sunday school superintendent, as secretary of the board of trustees, teacher of Bible class, church treasurer and editor of church publications. In this labor he has found genuine pleasure and profit.

He has been one of the healthy boys of the class, and is now an enthusiastic wheelman.

He married Miss Caroline Morris, March 14, 1889, at Springfield, Mass.

A business trip in 1882 took him to the Pacific slope as far north as Vancouver's Island. It gave him an opportunity for sight-seeing not often enjoyed.

He writes:

"I am glad to belong to the ever glorious Class of 1869. We have reason to be proud of it. It gets to the front every time and stays there. Only recently I had occasion to look at a subscription list, which had

been started among the Alumni, at our annual re-union here in New York. The object was the raising of a fund to build a new dormitory at the college—and of the fourteen names on the list, three were members of our Class—or over twenty per cent. As a Class, we have a good record, not only in the way of successful accomplishment, but in noble manly living.

The time of our re-union in June is very inconvenient for me, but if it is possible, I hope to meet my classmates at old college hill, on that happy occasion.

My house is at No. 21 East 89th St., New York, where I should be glad to welcome any member of our Class.

Yours in old Sixty-Nine,

THOMAS W. FITCH."

Alpha Delta Phi Hall

Lewis Ray Foote.

Rev. LEWIS R. FOOTE, D. D.,
523 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Lewis Ray Foote was born in New Berlin, N. Y., March 29, 1844. He prepared at the Clinton Rural High School, and entered college in the fall of 1865. He was in the army during the civil war, and still bears the marks of his honorable service.

From college life he went to New York, entering the Union Theological Seminary in October, 1869, with Schlager as classmate and chum. During his entire course in theology he had large experience in mission work in the great city. He preached in the chapel in Sixth avenue, New York, connected with Dr. Booth's church, for two years from 1871. Late in 1873 he became pastor of the Throop Avenue Presbyterian church, Brooklyn. Here for over a quarter of a century Dr. Foote has found his life work, a pastorate by far the longest of any of the members of his Class who entered the sacred calling He has seen the membership of his church double again and again, and the fullest material prosperity, as well as a broad spiritual growth has characterized his labors in the city of churches.

In October, 1898, the church celebrated its Silver Jubilee, and the extended services connected with the occasion, showed how great his influence has been in building up the strong and active religious organization of which he is the earnest, loving and beloved pastor.

Three times he has been laid up with inflammatory rheumatism, possibly a legacy from his service in the army, an illness which consumed thirteen months of time, but which conveyed to him " many valuable lessons in practical theology."

At the Commencement of 1889, the twenty-fifth anniversary of his graduation from Hamilton, the college conferred upon him the well earned degree of Doctor of Divinity. He was married June 12, 1873, to Mrs. Harriet A. Wilson.

His class letter, so full of the old time heartiness, shows that his affection still clings to the memories and friendships of college days.

523 Willoughby Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y., May 3, '99.

My dear Classmates:

Our class secretary has sent each of us a set of blanks to fill out, and I have undertaken to place the appropriate filling to each one, until I now come to No. 13, "A letter to My Classmates."

I hope to be at the re-union on the Hill, June 28th. But I realize that I may be in heaven or somewhere else at that time, notwithstanding my present purposes and desires, and I suppose Downing wants a letter, so that in the event of our absence, he will have something to present when the name is called.

There are some things hard to realize, and one of the hardest things for me to realize is the fact that it is thirty years since we graduated from the college. King died in 1881, and yet it seems only last summer that I met him on a bright June day on the Staten Island ferry-boat with two of his little children with him, his appearance giving every indication that his threatening disease was rapidly doing its fatal work. Cleveland died in 1884, and yet it seems only last week that I met him for the last time on a Fulton ferry-boat. Griggs and I have lived in Brooklyn for twenty-five years and we have met but few times, and he has been in my home but once, and that recently, to confer upon matters touching our re-union, and it is yet an anticipated pleasure for me to see the inside of his home.

Benedict has lived in Brooklyn for some years and I have seen him in his home but once. So time has gone for thirty years. The breaks in our ranks have been comparatively few in the past, but they will be apt to be more frequent in the future, therefore I feel we ought all to get together in June to renew the old attachments.

I came to Brooklyn in 1873 to accept the pastorate of the Throop Avenue Presbyterian church. We celebrated very pleasantly our Silver Jubilee last autumn. I have been very busy and very happy in my life work. God has given me a great deal to do and a great deal to enjoy, and I am full of hope for my country, and for the world, because of the Gospel of Christ, and the divine purposes for mankind which it contains.

Hoping to greet you all on June 28th, which I anticipate will be the most memorable of all our re-unions, I am

Faithfully yours,

LEWIS RAY FOOTE.

JOHN C. FOWLER,

406 Kirk Block, Syracuse, N. Y.

John Curtiss Fowler was born at Peterboro, N. Y., October 23, 1845. He studied at Canastota, and entered in September, 1865, having previously served as deputy county clerk of Madison county one term.

He spent the first year after graduation as teacher of classics in Gen. Russell's school in New Haven, Conn. In June, 1870, he returned to Canastota and resumed the study of the law in the office of his father, Hon. Loring Fowler. He was admitted to practice at the General Term of the Supreme Court held at Albany, June, 1871, and at once entered on the practice of his profession as a member of the law firm of Loring Fowler & Son. This partnership was retained until 1873, when he went into the office of Hon. Charles Stebbins at Cazenovia.

There he was associated with Mr. Stebbins in the practice of law and as assistant to the commission to revise the statutes. This work he continued with Commissioner Caverno, successor to Mr. Stebbins, at Syracuse, from 1875 to the close of the commission. After completing this work he remained at Syracuse, where he is still practicing law.

He has published "A Supplement to the Revised Statutes of New York, 1888," and has compiled an "Index of the Seventh and Eighth Edition of the Revised Statutes," in addition to a part of "Throop's Justice Manual, 1880."

He has also published numerous reviews and discussions of important legal questions.

He was married May 6, 1874, to Miss Elizabeth Hamblin Robertson, and is now renewing the experience of his own school days, in the college life and development of his three bright children.

His letter to his classmates is so complete in personal detail as well as delightfully entertaining and suggestive, that the secretary entrusts to it the duty of giving to the Class of '69 the biography of its salutatorian:

John Curtiss Fowler.

To My Classmates:

It seems but a day since Kirk delivered our farewell to college life. Then again, it seems an age. Extremes meet. Measured by work done, it is a day. What a great thing the law of compensation is. Those who cannot shine by their own, may shine by borrowed light. So daily I am enabled to take great pleasure in pointing out to my callers the notables as they appear in our class picture, which hangs in a conspicuous place on my office wall, and which attracts much attention. I greatly regret that our whole class is not there represented. Benedict, Cleveland, Crowell, Cummings, Jerome, Judson, Miller, Searle, Tompkins, Wells, Whiting and Young would have added much to the picture. Our next record should contain a catalogue of the class, including the names of those who did not graduate. Miller, president of a great western railway, gained undoubtedly by reason of his close application to metaphysics while at Hamilton, and Tompkins, an eminent lawyer, and one of the right bowers of that astute statesman, Samuel J. Tilden, during his memorable career, are still such bright luminaries, that those of us, who must in a large measure, shine by reflected rays, must of necessity insist that they no longer be allowed to remain in eclipse.

One other picture I would greatly prize, that of Conley and myself, seated in a lumber wagon containing our college room furniture, with two long-eared mules dragging us, on a September day in 1865, over the hills to Clinton. It is a great source of satisfaction to me that, through the insistence of my father and myself, Conley was induced to take a college course, a step which has resulted in so much honor to him, and in so much gratification to us all.

To have been a Sixty-Niner is an honor in itself. A class always sound, sensible and conservative; the pioneer, I believe, in the reformation of college customs at Hamilton. After a lapse of thirty years, few classes will be able to return to their Alma Mater and celebrate their re-union in a Benedict Hall of Languages.

The number 69 is symbolic. Upside down it is the same. Thus, ready for every emergency, the class motto was always appropriate. Those who did not feel it worth their while to show their metal in college work, won the goal in after life. I presume that there have been few more successful lives than that of Bissell.

But I hear our distinguished jurist remarking, this is all very well, sir, but it sounds much like an attempt to imitate the southern attorney, who won his case by confining his summing up to a eulogy of the judge and all his ancestry.

Well, as to myself, I have but little to add to the splendid record that '69 has already made.

The forepart of the past decade was principally spent in assisting in the settlement of a few estates; the latter part in fighting the after-effects of the grippe, which nearly destroyed my nervous system,

writing an occasional article for the press, assisting my children in their studies, and transacting a small office business at 406 Kirk Block.

An occasional visit to a sanitarium, and a delightful trip through Canada in 1897, and through the Eastern States in 1898, have materially added to my health.

The successful taking of my elder son through four books of Caesar, so that he passed the Regents after repeated failures under other instructors, was not only exceedingly gratifying in itself, but it first introduced me to a work in which I have subsequently taken much pleasure.

This elder son, Samuel R., twenty-three years of age, is now doing good work in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York city; my younger son, Loring R., aged sixteen, is at the Riverview Academy, Poughkeepsie; and my daughter, Florence E., eighteen, is at the Emma Willard School, Troy; Mrs. Fowler is at present enjoying fair health. We are pleasantly situated at 337 West Onondaga, and shall be more than pleased to welcome there at any and all times you and yours, and all descendants thereof.

Wishing to each one of you a future that will enable you, like Franklin, to look back upon life's work with satisfaction,

I remain sincerely yours,

Syracuse, March 15th, 1899. J. C. FOWLER.

[The secretary fails to find the name of Tompkins in the roll of '69, and the record shows that Miller left at the end of Freshman year. So the latter's success as a railroad financier cannot be ascribed to the study of metaphysics. Perhaps it was the escape from this training that secured the result. We will leave the question to those who answer Professor Upson's Gamaliel inquiry.]

Sigma Phi Hall.

RUFUS T. GRIGGS,

31 Nassau St., New York.

Rufus Theron Griggs was born at Levanna, Cayuga county, New York, July 29th, 1845. He attended the Auburn Academy several terms, and completed his preparatory studies at the Cayuga Lake Academy at Aurora, entering college in the fall of 1865. During the winters of his Freshman and Sophomore years he had charge of the academy at Deansville.

The first year after graduation he taught in the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, devoting such time as was not required for school duties to the study of law. In September, 1870, he entered the office of Judge Lucian Birdseye, No. 120 Broadway, New York city, teaching in the evenings of the following winter in one of the special schools in the city.

He was admitted to the bar in 1871, and at once began the practice of law, having his office in connection with that of Judge Birdseye until 1875, when he formed a partnership with Isaac S. Signor, '70, under the firm name of Griggs & Signor, with offices at No. 237 Broadway. After three years this partnership was dissolved and he continued in the old offices of the firm until 1897, when he removed to the Bank of Commerce building, No. 31 Nassau Street, where he looks after a large and valuable clientage.

For many years he has been a member of the board of trustees of the Berkeley Institute of Brooklyn, an excellent school for young ladies, in which he is greatly interested, as are ex-Mayor David A Boody and other prominent citizens of Brooklyn.

Mr. Griggs is now one of the "old residents" of Brooklyn, and, while loyal to his own Borough and regarded as one of its most substantial citizens, he was broad minded enough to be one of the most enthusiastic advocates of consolidation, and he is now a firm believer in the Greater New York.

For many years he was one of the officers of the Middle Reformed Dutch church, and was also superintendent of its Sabbath school. He is now connected with the Memorial Presbyterian church of the Park Slope.

His vacation periods have taken him through many of the States and Canada, and it will always be a source of regret to the writer that he just missed him one August day a few years ago on

Rufus Theron Griggs.

the upper St. Lawrence. No one more heartily enjoys life on the St. Lawrence, is more familiar with its manifold beauties, or knows better the shoals and rocky points where the black bass linger, than does Griggs. He is a member of the Aurora Grata Masonic Club, and has been a most active and devoted Mason, having been for many years a member of the Commission of Appeals of the Grand Lodge. He was a charter member and director of the Montauk Club, and as a member of the building committee, he gave his best thought and effort to the erection of a magnificent club house, which is to-day one of the most complete and beautiful club houses in Greater New York. He will be only too happy to entertain there or at his home any classmate who may give him a call.

He was married November 24, 1874, to Miss Henrietta Bange. At the class re-union ten years ago, he had with him the pictures of two beautiful children, a dark haired girl not yet in her teens, and a bright eyed, fair haired boy of six. In the following November his home was darkened by the death of his son, the greatest loss which has come to him during the passing years.

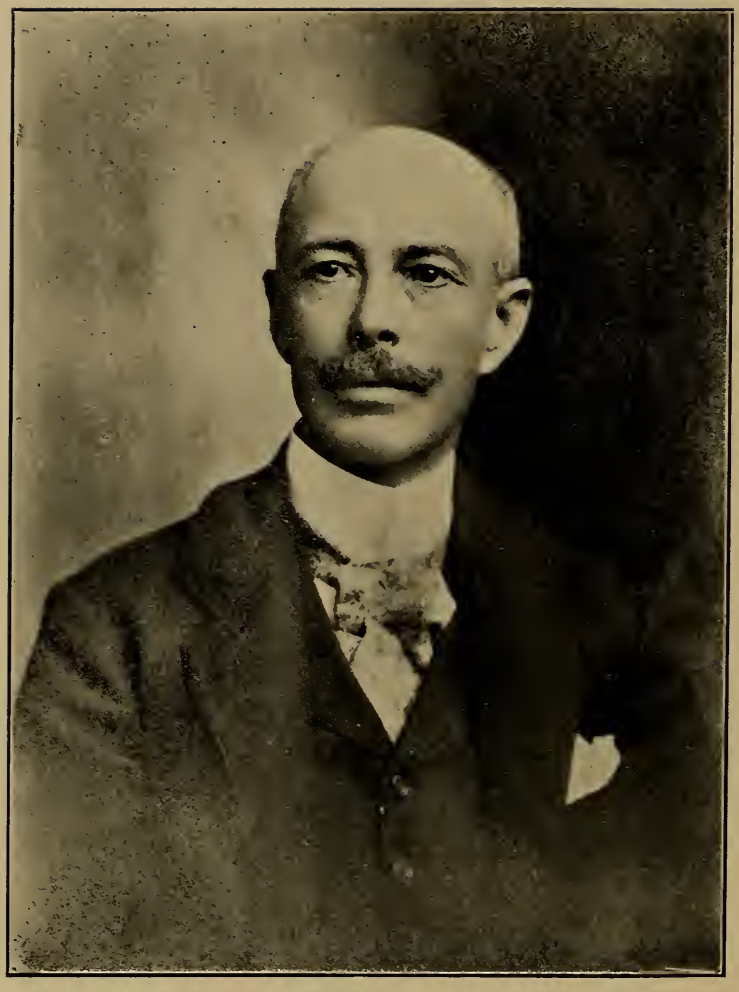
The dry details of the law have not prevented him from keeping warm his interest in literature and art, and he is a member of the Black and White Club, and often a guest at the house of the Salmagundi Club, where the artists are wont to gather. He writes:

At last I send the "facts," which I promised so long since. I did hope to get some word from Brown or Wickson, but have never had any response from either. * * * * * I am an enthusiastic fisherman. Some of the boys may possibly have the same love for the sport, and be glad to know that I am a congenial spirit. I keep out of politics so far as any desire for office goes, but Lieut. Governor Woodruff is my neighbor across the avenue, and knowing him well, I can assure every one that he is worthy of any honor which may come to him. You will remember that I was one of those who offered to take care of any deficiency, should there be one, in getting out the record. My word has always been as good as my bond, and you have only to call on me when the time comes. I hope to visit Clinton again this summer, and propose to show my interest in the old college so long as I live. I was never a more enthusiastic Hamilton man than I am to-day. Had my boy lived, no other college would have had the honor of graduating him.

Accept the assurance of my loyalty to Hamilton and '69. With best wishes and kindest regards, I am, ever and always,

Most sincerely yours,

RUFUS T. GRIGGS.



Otis Randall Glover

OTIS R. GLOVER,

905 Tacoma Building, Chicago, Ill.

Otis Randall Glover was born at Ottawa, Ill, May 12, 1846. He prepared at the Ottawa Academy, and entered college in the fall of 1865. After graduating he held a position in a western railroad office, and continued in this work for three years. He then engaged in the real estate business, and later became a member of the Chicago Board of Trade. In addition to these interests, he has been largely occupied in caring for his father's property and the estate of his sister, the widow of George C. Campbell, Class of 1852, and her children.

Allen, who has often met Glover, reports him as being one of the active and successful business men of the windy city. All will enjoy his "breezy" letter.

CHICAGO, Oct. 19, 1899

My dear Downing:

In accordance with written demand from Rev. Dr. Foote and your ultimatum, I enclose my deposition, covering your questions to the best of my knowledge and belief, oath being hereby waived. I also enclose my photograph, which reminds me of Lincoln when the proof sheets of his speech were read to him. He said it reminded him of his grandfather when he saw his daguerreotype for the first time. His grandfather said: "It's horribly like me."

For thirty years I have done the best I could to preserve my curly hair, as the boys will remember it, for this particular picture. They can see how beautifully it has come out under my treatment Your questions are very searching, and they make me tell things I would keep to myself.

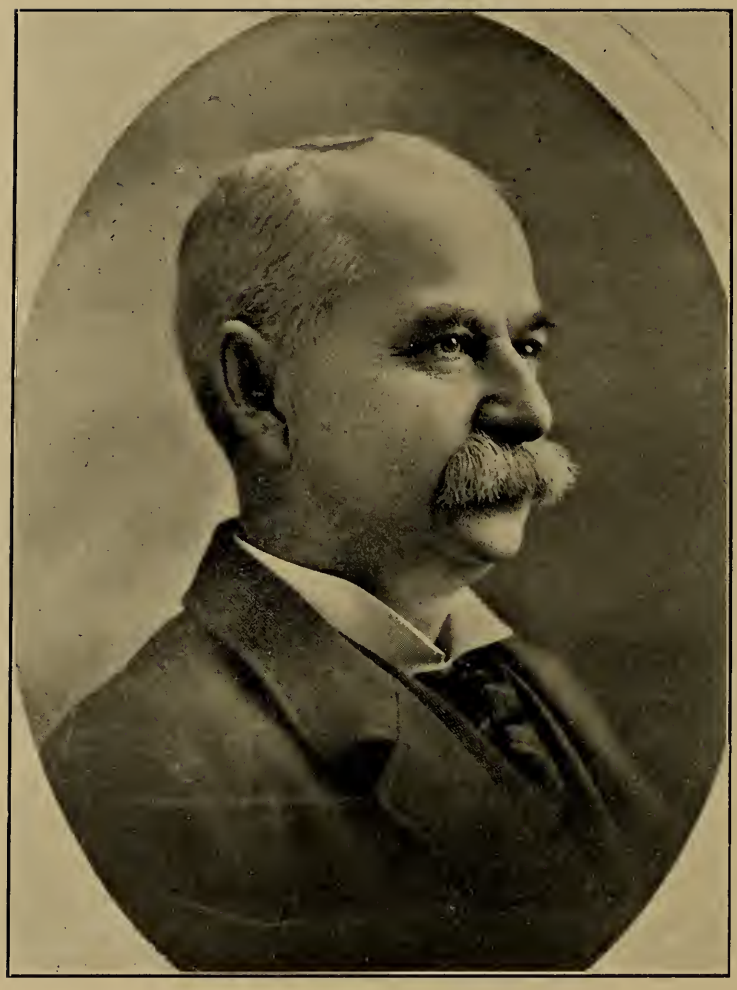
I intended to marry soon as possible after graduating, but I never got a chance. I intended to begin my career by going to congress, but no one has asked me to do so; and now Illinois is making senators and governors, and the like, of such poor timber, I cannot, with due regard to the honor of "'69," enter politics.

There was the navy, to be sure, but war with Spain is over, and we can have but one Dewey, any way. So my list of high places is all blanks.

But for dear old Hamilton and the boys of "'69" my affection has grown with the years. Give my love to every one of them, from A. J. Allen to E. J. Wickson.

Yours,

O. R. GLOVER.



D'Linton Wing Greenfield.

D'LINTON W. GREENFIELD,

Rome, N. Y.

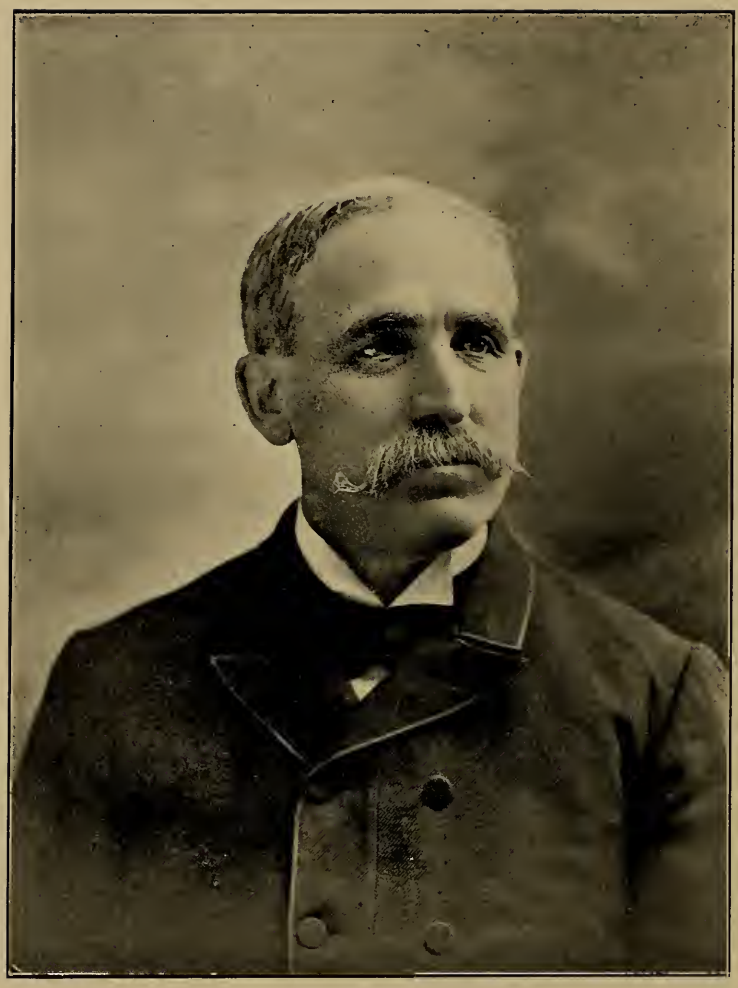
D'Linton Wing Greenfield was born at Trenton, N. Y., June 25, 1846. His father soon after removed to a large farm at Stanwix, N. Y., near Rome, and here his early boyhood days were passed. He entered the Rome Academy, completing his preparation there for Hamilton, with Crowell and Talcott of '69, as fellow students.

After graduation he returned to Rome, where he assisted his father in the large business interests in which the latter was engaged. He always had a strong inclination to mercantile life, and after a year or two of prospecting, he formed a partnership in the book trade at Rome with John H. Wilson, '68. This proved to be very successful, and was continued until 1897, when Mr. Wilson retired, Mr. Greenfield continuing the business, to which he added other departments.

In addition to his mercantile interests, Mr. Greenfield has given much attention to real estate, and his holdings of this line of property are both large and valuable. He is a director of the Rome Savings Bank, and in this capacity he finds an almost constant demand for his time, in estimating values on which loans are sought. He is a member and director of the Rome Club, and a member of the Teugega Golf Club. He has suffered somewhat from rheumatism, but aside from this has enjoyed excellent health.

He was married April 3, 1885, to Miss Georgia Schryver, of Rheinbeck, N. Y. He has one daughter ten years old.

He still retains his interest in whist, and occasionally with his old college chum, revives the experiences of the days of '69, in Rome or Utica. It was a great disappointment to his classmates that serious illness in his family prevented him from being present at the re-union. On May 24, 1900, Mr. Greenfield's place of business in Rome was almost entirely destroyed by fire.



Samuel Dumont Halliday

Hon. SAMUEL D. HALLIDAY,

Ithaca, N. Y.

Samuel Dumont Halliday was born at Dryden, N. Y., January 7, 1847. He joined the Class of 1869 at the beginning of Sophomore year. At the close of that year he entered the junior class of Cornell University, and thus became a member of the second class graduated from that institution.

After leaving Cornell he studied law. Upon his admission to the bar he formed a partnership under the firm name of Halliday & French. In 1894 this was changed to Halliday & Denton, and the practice of law continued at Ithaca, N. Y., where he still resides.

In 1874 he was elected district attorney of Tompkins county, and in 1876 was chosen member of assembly in the New York State Legislature.

He has served as trustee of the Binghamton State Hospital and of Cornell University, and has been a member of the Ithaca school board.

He is a director of the First National Bank of Ithaca, and is also a director in the Dwight Farm and Land Co., of Dakota. He is a trustee of the Congregational church of Ithaca. He has published a "History of the Agricultural College Land Grant."

June 30, 1881, he married Miss Jennie Leonard. They have three children.

William Parsons Heston.

WILLIAM P. HESTON,

2901 Collingwood Ave., Toledo, O.

William Parsons Heston was born at Batavia, N. Y., May 31, 1847. He entered college from the East Pembroke Seminary.

The first two years after leaving Hamilton were spent as principal of the Mt. Morris public school. He then entered the Central High School of St. Louis, Mo., as teacher of rhetoric and elocution. He continued his work here until 1874, when he went to Toledo, O., joining the wholesale grocery firm of A. H. Hathaway & Co. Later he became interested in the Electric Light Co., of the same city. He served as manager of this business for several years, and for the past ten years has been manager of the Toledo Natural Gas Department. His duties in this work have been trying and laborious in the extreme, but with his rare executive ability and talent as an expert accountant, he has given the best of satisfaction. He is a director in the United Storage Truck and Transfer Co., and treasurer of the Toledo Brush Electric Light Co. He is a member of the First Congregational church and serves as chairman of its standing committee. He has traveled quite generally through the United States and Canada.

His photograph is a copy of one appearing in the volume "Men of Northwestern Ohio," and is not from a recent negative. He was married to Miss Gertrude May, of Toledo, O., December 26, 1872. Mr. Heston's eldest daughter is the wife of Professor William McPherson, professor of chemistry in the Ohio State University, at Columbus, Ohio. He is one of the few to report marriages in the second generation.

To his classmates he writes:

All come and see me. I love to look at your faces as I have them in my album of "class pictures," taken by Sarony in 1869, each picture with your own signature beneath it.

Yours truly,

WM. P. HESTON.

Erwin Colton Hull.

Rev. ERWIN C. HULL,
Dresden, N. Y.

Erwin Colton Hull was born at Auburn, N. Y. Soon after his birth his parents removed to South Salem, N. Y. In this place and at Hannibal, N. Y, his pre-collegiate life was spent. He studied at the Fulton Academy and entered Hamilton in September, 1865.

He graduated from Auburn Theological Seminary, where his whole course in preparation for the ministry was taken, May 9, 1872. On the 10th day of October of the same year he was ordained pastor of the Presbyterian church at Prairie du Lac, Wis. After three years' faithful and efficient service in this place, he acted as supply of the Presbyterian church at Elba, N. Y., for two years. His other pastorates have been at Ellsworth, Conn., 1880–85; Arkport, N. Y., 1885–97, and at Dresden, N. Y., where he went in 1898, and where he is still engaged in pastoral work.

The two years, from 1878 to '80, he suffered from ill health, and was able to do little.

He was married July 23, 1873 to Miss Rosanna Stewart Mack. His household has been brightened by the birth of one daughter and three sons, all of whom are living.

His greeting to his classmates has the old ring and rhythmic flow of the song he wrote for the Junior Ex. supper, whose closing stanza is still remembered:

> "For many a year no other class
> Has left a bound we could not pass,
> Long may our rising brightness shine,
> Long live the Class of Sixty-Nine."

"My greetings to you all. The memories of the days on College Hill are very precious to me still. They often come into my life like whiffs of a breeze from the spice stands, and bring visions of a sunny, happy past. I wish every one of you abundant success in the days yet to come, and offer my congratulations to those who have already found it. May "the prize of Minerva" yet fall to you all, and the magnolias' flowers cheer your hearts.

ERWIN C. HULL."

His picture is from a negative taken in 1887.

Theodore Charles Jerome.

Rev. THEODORE C. JEROME,

Drowned in Lake Minnipiseogee, N. H., May 28, 1886.

The following sketch, prepared by Mr. John L. Jerome, '73, at the request of the secretary, is here given in full. The thanks of the Class of 1869 are extended to Mr. Jerome for his excellent service.

The Jeromes are of Huguenot descent. It is the tradition that the ancestor of the first settlers in America located in the Isle of Wight, after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes.

Theodore Charles Jerome was the second son of Reverend Charles Jerome, '39, born at Oxford, New York, January 31, 1850. His brothers and intimate friends always knew him as "Charlie" or "Jerry." His grandfather was Ira Jerome, who for two years was a student at the old Hamilton Oneida Academy. His great-grandfather was John Jerome, a soldier of the Revolution, who emigrated from the Lenox Hills, in Massachusetts, to Pompey, New York, in 1796. He prepared for college at the Rural High School, at Clinton, while Rev. B. W. Dwight was principal. He entered the Class of '68 with his older brother, William R. Jerome, and was the youngest member of that class. He continued a member of '68 for two years, winning essay and second mathematical prizes. At the end of the Sophomore year he taught school for one year at Ithaca, New York, becoming a member of the Class of '69 in the fall of 1867. He completed his studies with the Class, but he left at the commencement of senior vacation for a long summer's camping trip, and did not return for graduation. He was given his degree *nunc pro tunc* a little later.

He was for two years a student at Lane Theological Seminary, and was graduated at Andover in '72. He was ordained for the Congregational ministry at his first charge, the Pacific church, in New Bedford, July 2, 1872, and his father had the satisfaction of delivering the charge to the pastor.

At New Bedford, June 4, 1874, he was married to Annie Elizabeth Swan, daughter of the late Joseph Swan, of Medford. They had five children.

During his ministry of fourteen years, my brother traveled far and served in many fields. Professor North said once that he never

thought of him but the old hymn, "I am a Wandering Sheep," came to his mind. His frequent removals were caused only by his restless spirit, and love of new scenes. A locality of noted picturesque surroundings in a new State was usually the deciding reason which determined the selection in his varied changes. He never had a defection among his parishioners. On the contrary, he was quick to make strong friends, and the short service with many of his charges was partly provoked by the number of invitations which he received for duty elsewhere.

In March, 1873, he resigned his pastorate at New Bedford. From June, 1873, to April, 1874, he was pastor of the Congregational church at Central City, Colorado. I passed most of that year with him, and there began the intimate friendship which lasted until his death. He was the cause of my permanent residence in Colorado. He was one of the founders of Colorado College, an institution which has since grown to be a power in the west. His subsequent charges were as follows:

Geneseo, Ill., July 4, 1874, to May, 1875.
San Buenaventure, Cal., June, 1875, to July, 1876.
River Falls, Wis., fall of 1876 to spring of 1878.
Patchogue, L. I., (N. Y.,) spring of 1878, to June, 1881.
Manistee, Mich., June, 1881, to July, 1882.
Gorham, N. H., July, 1882, to April, 1885.
Wolfboro, N. H., April, 1885, to May 28, 1886

May 28, 1886, he went from Wolfboro for a day's fishing on Lake Winnipiseogee. His three older children, Paul, Kate and Bernard, were with him, and when last seen alive they were in a skiff near Kenniston's Island. It has never been known what caused the accident, but the boat was found bottom up that afternoon, and the bodies of all four, with that of Theodore Davis, a young man who accompanied them, were found in eight feet of water, about forty feet from shore. The tragedy caused a profound sensation in New Hampshire, as well as in the other communities where the victims were so well known.

My brother improved in his profession the literary talents which were known in his college days. His style became an example of simplicity and force. He was always a hard student. He was a very plain man; unconventional in the extreme in his dress and manners, even in the pulpit. He loved nature, and lived all

his life that he could out of doors. He was a skillful and enthusiastic fisherman. He could get very close to the young men in his congregation, and was a favorite umpire in their base ball games. Best of all, perhaps, was his family life. There was always a friend or two at his table, and to his children he was the favorite chum.

I sent, for comment, what I have written above to my sister, Irene Jerome Hood. This sketch cannot be better closed than by a quotation from her reply:

"I think Annie and Irene and Rob (some day) would be glad to see in the brief account some allusion to what stood out really strongest in their father, his spirituality. I realized it more and more the last two years of his life. His very face changed—I said to Annie one day, at Gorham, 'Charlie is getting a real New Jerusalem look on his face; is it not beautiful?' She, to my astonishment, began to cry, and said, 'Oh, don't *say* it—I *feel* it. He has gone way beyond me,' and she expressed more fully the saying that we so often laugh over, 'He is too good for earth.'

I shall never forget the rides—long rides, of many hours, which I often had with Charlie and Annie. I never felt I was an unwelcome third. We visited, talked books, stories, out of doors, or were just happy."

Dear Mr. Downing:

I enclose a sketch of my brother Charley. Please use it as you deem best. I value this opportuity to perpetuate for my brother's children some facts in their father's career, and a word as to his sterling qualities, which I am sure would be endorsed by many less prejudiced observers. The strong praise and personal character of the sketch may make it seem fitting that it should be published as coming from me.

I enclose the only late photograph which we have. He would not sit for a picture. This is an amateur picture taken about three months before his death, in his own sitting room. It is fairly good.

I hope I have not delayed your work. I have been absent from my office much of the time since I first heard from you.

Please let me know my share of the expense and reserve for me three copies of the book, as I should like one for myself and one for each of Charley's surviving children.

Cordially yours,

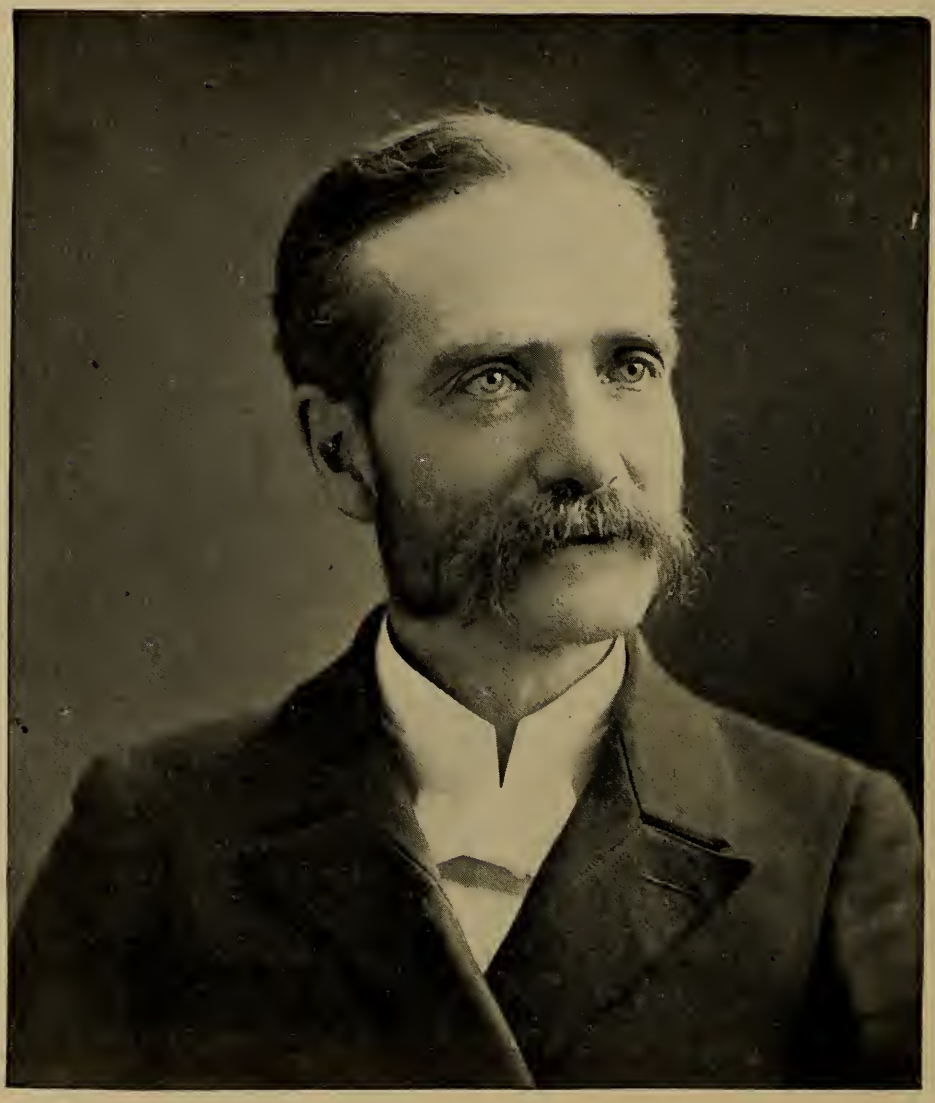
JOHN L. JEROME.

George Eugene King.

GEORGE E. KING,

Died at Ravenna, O., June 14, 1881.

George Eugene King was born at Ravenna, O., December 3, 1844. He was a graduate of the Ravenna High School, Class of 1863. He then spent two years at Western Reserve College and two years at Hamilton College, where he graduated in 1869. Returning to Ravenna, he entered the law office of Messrs. Hart & Reed, and May 10, 1871, was admitted to the bar. During the period of his legal studies he was also principal of the Union School and was esteemed as one of the most valuable teachers ever occupying the position. August 16, 1871, he married Eliza H. Root. Immediately after this event he removed to Fairfield, N. Y., and remained one year as a teacher in the seminary there, a portion of the time as principal. Toward the close of 1872 he fixed his residence in Brooklyn and opened an office at 201 Broadway, New York city, continuing in practice there until his return to Ravenna, in March, 1881. It was a heroic undertaking for a young man without means or influential friends to venture into the great city, but he made it a success, and he was intrusted with important business. It is said that in his practice whenever he arose to address the court he was greeted with the close attention of the Judge, so thoroughly had he impressed his legal brethren with his solid, practical qualities and clear knowledge of the law. In the early part of his residence at Brooklyn after passing the day in his office in New York he taught a night school, thus adding to his then slender income. He united with a Presbyterian church in Brooklyn, and in the Sunday school took charge of a class composed of forty young business men. At the beginning of 1881 his health had so far failed that he deemed a residence in that climate no longer prudent, so he returned to Ravenna about April 1st, purchased a small farm and formed a law partnership with C. A. Reed, intending in a few years to enjoy the freedom of rural life, with a business association which would keep him from fading out of the profession which he loved. But his malady had progressed farther than was realized. After being established in his new home he was but a few times on the street, and swiftly, indeed, the end hastened.



Martin Dwelle Kneeland.

Rev. MARTIN D. KNEELAND, D. D.
175 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

Martin Dwelle Kneeland was born September 24, 1848. He prepared for college at Cazenovia Seminary, entering the class at the opening of Sophomore year.

After graduating he taught for one year, being principal of the academy at Southold, L. I. He then entered Auburn Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1873. During his course at Auburn he served as stated supply at Camillus, N. Y., and Little Falls, N. Y. Immediately upon graduation, he was called to be pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Waterloo, where he remained for nine years. While in this large, strong pastorate, he built two chapels for the extension of the work of the church, which increased greatly in membership and efficiency.

He was called in 1882 to Fredonia, N. Y., where he spent six years of useful service. As Presbyterian chairman of the committee on the Seneca Indians, he conducted a series of investigations, which led to favorable action by the general government.

At this time, the thriving city of the oil regions, Titusville, Pa., sought him out, and he was installed pastor of the First Presbyterian church of that city in 1888. Here a beautiful new church was completed, and large additions were made to the membership during this short pastorate. Protracted illness resulted, at the close of three years in a change to Boston, Mass., where he became pastor of the Roxbury Presbyterian church. The first year, he led his people from the hall where they had been worshiping, into the elegant church building which they now occupy, a monument to the zeal and sacrifice of pastor and people. At the close of five years' service, after receiving 325 into the membership of the church, Dr. Kneeland resigned his pastorate to undertake the secretaryship of a society of which he was one of the originators and in which he was deeply interested, the *New England Sabbath Protective League.*

This strong organization has Senator G. F. Hoar for president; Senator Hawley, '47, a vice-president; Rev. Dr. W. H. Allbright, '76, a director, and the Rev. Dr. Frank S. Child, '75, a

member of the executive committee. In this position he has done most excellent work. He has lectured throughout New England before churches, schools, colleges, theological seminaries, etc., some 900 times. With headquarters at Boston, he has been for the past five years the able and efficient editor of the *Defender*, the only organ published in the interests of Sabbath reform in New England. In each church of which he has been pastor he has published local histories and a church paper. He has been delegate to six general assemblies, and to the Ecumenical Council at London. His vacations have been spent largely in travel, from Canada to Alaska, from Washington to Santa Fe, as well as a trip through seven European countries. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from the college in 1888. He was married October 27, 1875, to Sarah Lord, daughter of Rev. Dr. William H. Lord, of Montpelier, Vt. They have two daughters and three sons, a very different record from that of some of his classmates. His letter of greeting to them is as follows:

"I very much desire to look into your faces after the ripening, mellowing process of thirty years of toil, struggle and experience. I presume that I see in myself a vision of the life-history of each one, deepened lines, bald spots, gray hairs, telling of thought, conflict, defeat, victory. All of us have passed the dead line of fifty. North was the last one, and I only three months ahead of him.

I find that fifty years have sobered the ambitions of those good days, when we imagined we would soon "shake the world." The horizon is broader and more subdued in color, and the shadows reach farther down the decline. The joy of to-day is richer and deeper than of yore—while it clings to the memories of the past with growing delight, it revels in the friendships of the present and anticipates the glories of the future.

Hoping to meet many, if not all of you, in the Hall of which '69 is especially proud, I am yours for old Hamilton,

M. D. KNEELAND."

Judge WILLARD M. LILLIBRIDGE,
45 Moffat Building, Detroit, Mich.

Willard Merrick Lillibridge was born at Taberg, N. Y., April 26, 1846, where he passed his early life. He studied at the Whitestown and the Cazenovia Seminaries, and entered college in September, 1865. He was absent during the greater part of Sophomore year, when he taught in the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

Soon after graduating he assumed the duties of Principal of the Academy of Plattsburg, N. Y., with the general supervision of the primary schools of the town. Remaining in this place until 1871, he went to St. Louis, Mo., in the dual capacity of law student and teacher. Upon his admission to the bar he decided to locate in Detroit, Mich. Here, in the practice of his profession, he has been successful in a marked degree. Almost at the beginning of his legal career he won several important victories in the court room, notably one over the principal law professor in Michigan University. The manner in which he handled these cases attracted attention in legal circles and soon secured for him a valuable clientage.

For five years he was the head of the firm of Lillibridge & Latham, but with this exception he has had no legal partnership. In 1893 he was elected Circuit Judge of Wayne County, Mich. During his six years' service in this position a large number of important cases were tried in his court. Many of his decisions, expressed in the terse, vigorous style for which he was famous in the old college days, have been published and have taken high rank in the legal archives of the State.

He served as member of the Board of Education of Detroit several terms and was a trustee of the Teachers' Retirement Fund four years.

He has been an active business man, as well as a hard-working lawyer, serving in several large corporations as Vice-President and Secretary. He has travelled quite extensively in the United States and Canada, including a trip to the Pacific Coast in 1896, and through the mountain provinces of Canada in 1897.

He is an attendant at the Presbyterian Church. October 5,

Willard Merrick Lillibridge.

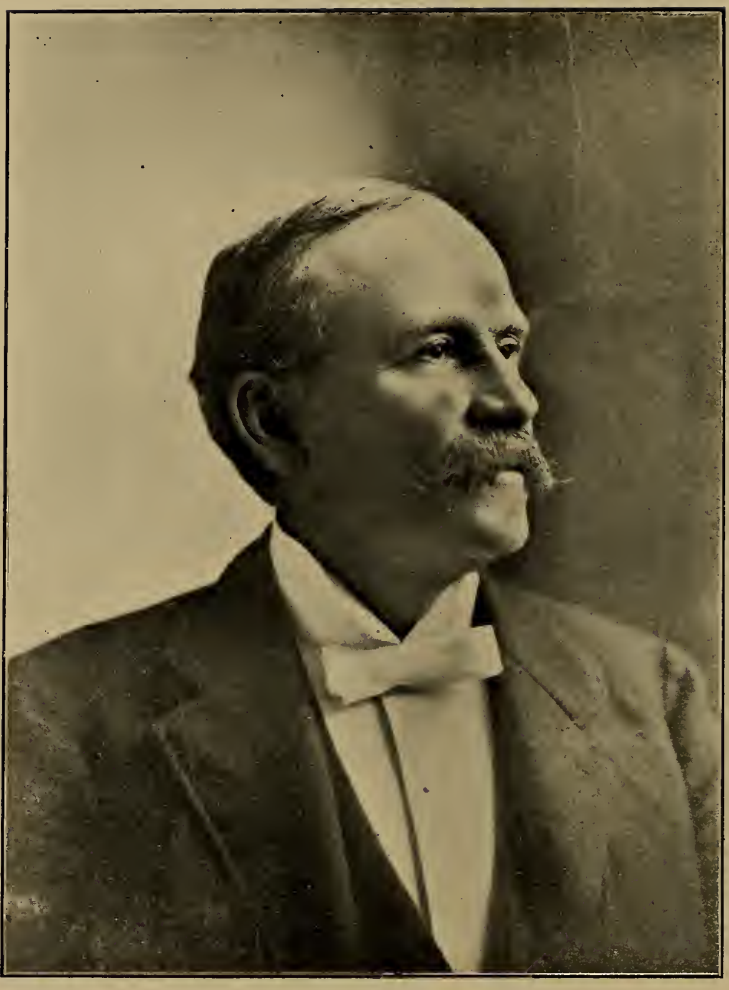
1882, he married Miss Katherine Hageman of New York City Of his three children two are living, his younger son, Joseph H., dying at the age of two years. His term as Judge closed December 31, 1899. The Detroit *Free Press* chronicled the event as follows:

His Honor, Judge Willard M. Lillibridge, who steps down from the Wayne Circuit Court bench to-morrow, retires in the enjoyment of the esteem and respect of his colleagues, the members of the bar and the public. For six years he has performed the duties of his important office with ability and impartiality. He has proved a careful, conscientious and painstaking judge, dignified as becomes one in his position, but always courteous and obliging, ever watchful to guard the interests of those in litigation and striving to deal out even-handed justice. His record on the bench is one to which he may look back with pride. The address presented to him by the jury of the Circuit Court on being dismissed for the term a few days ago is strong evidence of the good impression he made on those who sat, day after day, watching him perform his duties as a judge and as presiding judge of the Wayne Circuit Court.

The county is honored in the selection and service of such men in positions that are vitally related to the perpetuation of the American theory of free government and the fulfillment of its guarantees of the rights and privileges and protections for the individual.

There is no grander guerdon for the incorruptible and highminded official than the approving acclaim of the people whose interests he has conserved in the impartial discharge of his duties. Such a reward is the happy portion of Judge Lillibridge in doffing the ermine. The warmest sentiments of gratitude and good will attend the completion of his record of unsullied service in an exalted position, coupled with the wish for ample success and compensations in all his future endeavors.

Judge Lillibridge has announced that he will resume the practice of his profession in Detroit. He is still a young man, and in the ordinary course of events he has yet many years of usefulness before him.



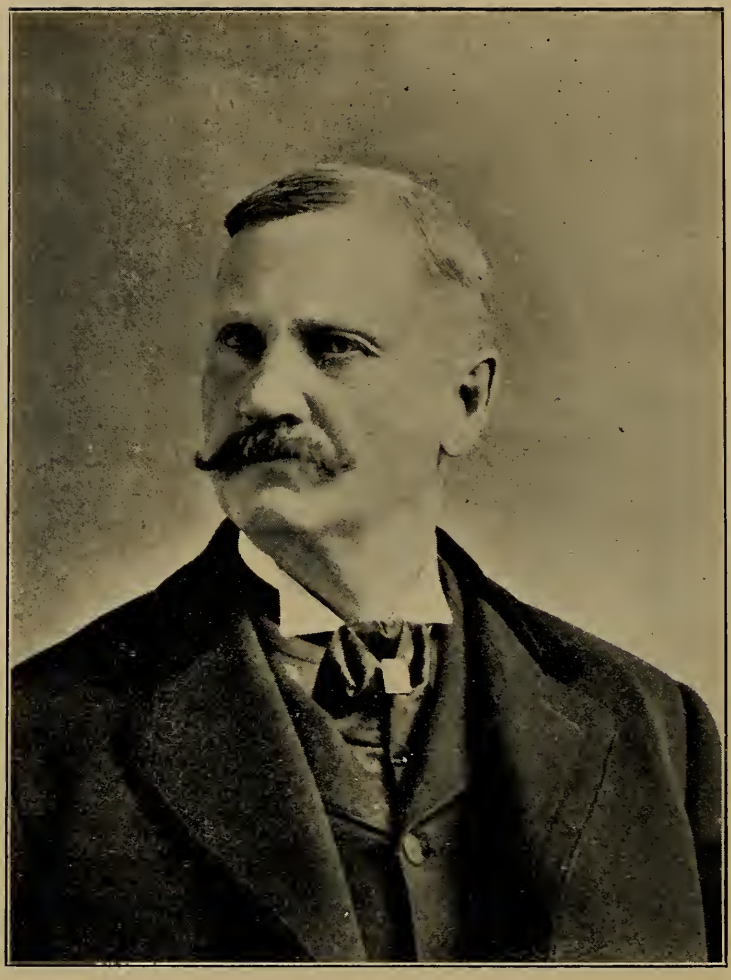
Cornelius Evarts Luckey.

CORNELIUS E. LUCKEY,
Knoxville, Tenn.

Cornelius Evarts Luckey was born at Jonesboro, Tenn., February 25, 1842. His preparation was made at the village school, and he entered Emery and Henry College, Va., in 1860. At the end of eight months passed in that institution, with other kinsmen and college mates he entered the Confederate army remaining in the service until peace was declared in 1865. The following year he entered Hamilton joining the Class of '69, then Sophomores

After the final examinations of his class were held, he did not wait for the exercises of Commencement Day, although he had secured a scholarship honor, and an appointment as prize debater, but at once began the study of law in the office of Hon. T. H. R. Nelson at Knoxville, Tenn. He was admitted to the bar in 1870. Since that time he has continued the practice of his profession in Knoxville, in which field he has been very successful. He is the senior member of the firm of Luckey, Sanford and Fowler, one of the best known law firms in eastern Tennessee. He has been largely interested in various business enterprises and has held numerous offices of trust in connection with them. He is a member and elder of the 4th Presbyterian church of Knoxville.

He was married July 29, 1874, to Miss Julia O Sims, of Dalton, Georgia. They have one daughter. "I was thoroughly 'loyal' during the late Spanish war," he writes, "and regretted deeply that I could not go to the front. Am in favor of expansion."



Rice Macauley.

RICE MACAULEY,
Stanley, N. Y.

Rice Macauley was born at Stanley, N. Y., March 1st, 1846. He prepared for college at Canandaigua Academy and entered Hamilton in June, 1865.

Soon after graduation he became the proprietor of the Ontario Nurseries located at Stanley, Ontario Co., N. Y. He developed into an extensive grower of fruit and ornamental trees, shrubs and vines. To this business he added mercantile and dairy farming, the product from his creameries being among the finest produced in Western New York.

During President Cleveland's second administration he was appointed Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue of the Rochester district, in which position he remained until February 1, 1899. He is a Democrat still. With his family he attends the Presbyterian church. He was married May 31, 1871, to Miss Catherine A. Vosburg. He has one daughter.

Chi Psi Lodge.

ROSWELL MILLER,
Chicago, Ill.

Roswell Miller entered college from Auburn, N. Y. He remained but one year. He then went to Chicago, Ill., and engaged in railroad enterprises. In this business he has achieved large success. He is now president of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad and a director in the Continental Bank of Chicago On November 16, 1893, he married Miss Mary L Roberts. They have two children. In 1885 he received his degree *nunc pro tunc* from Hamilton.

Mr. Miller is one of the strong men of the West. His influence in shaping the railroad policy of the country is broad and positive. It is a source of deep regret that his photograph could not be secured for this volume, although strenuous efforts were made to do so.

Root Hall.

S. N. DEXTER NORTH,
70 Kilby St., Boston Mass.

Simon Newton Dexter North, son of Dr. Edward North, of Hamilton College, was born on College Hill, Nov. 18, 1848. His preparatory work was done at the Clinton Rural High School.

In July, 1869, before the ink was dry upon his Commencement oration he began work as an editor on the staff of the *Utica Morning Herald.* For three years and a quarter he had charge of the literary department of this paper, and in the winters of 1872 and 1873 he was special correspondent of the *Herald* in Washington. In December, 1872, he obtained a proprietary interest in the *Herald*, becoming a member of the firm of Ellis H. Roberts & Co. During the next year his eyes gave him serious trouble, and he started on a tour to regain his health. He left New York in a sailing vessel for Gibralter returning after a four months' voyage very much improved. While in Utica he was a member of the Fort Schuyler Club, and of the Oneida Historical Society. In 1885 he went to Albany as editor of the *Albany Morning Express*, being president of the *Express* Publishing Co. He remained here four years. In Albany he was a member of the Fort Orange Club.

At the end of three years it was a great surprise to those who had watched his brilliant career as a journalist, to learn that he had accepted the position of secretary of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers. This took him to Boston, and as he writes, "out of the best and biggest of states in which I had always hoped to live and die."

He has published in connection with his work in Boston, ten volumes of the "Bulletin of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers."

"The Wool Book"—1892 and 1895.

"A Century of American Wool Manufacture."

"Factory Legislation in New England," besides numerous public addresses.

He acted as special agent of the Tenth Census for newspapers and the periodical press; and of the Eleventh Census for statistics

Simon Newton Dexter North.

of wool manufacture. He was the author of the extensive reports published on those subjects. He is a trustee of the Brookline Public Library and a member of the U. S. Industrial Commission.

An opposition paper, the *Utica Observer*, which had in the seventies frequently writhed under his lashings, and which is and doubtless always will be the admired exponent of the economic views of Burdick and Macauley recently stated: "In his position as spokesman of the wool manufacturers, North has written some terrible stuff on the tariff, terrible, but, egad, he did it well." How strongly Mr. North has impressed his personality upon the places in which he has lived is strikingly shown in an extract from the same paper:

"It goes to the credit of census commissioner Merriam that he tried hard to get and succeeded in getting S. N. Dexter North, of Clinton, Utica, Albany and Boston, (for none of these towns has ever consented to give him up) to be in charge of the division of manufacturing and mechanical industries in the coming census work. Mr. North was at work with the industrial commission and the President had to be appealed to to get his transfer to the important post he now holds. It was held that his services were needed in the census bureau His ability had been attested by earlier service there.

"Dexter North is one of our own. Nothing good happens to him without its giving joy to all his old friends in Utica"

July 8, 1876, he married Miss Lillian S. Comstock, daughter of Hon. Calvert Comstock, of Rome, N. Y.

In 1894 he went to Europe with his wife, two sons and two daughters. He left them in Germany, and the following year he again went abroad to bring his family home.

At the re-union his genial humor supplementing his father's gracious hospitality continually enlivened the meeting, and revealed to his classmates at least one of the elements which have contributed to his successful career of usefulness and honor.

Eliot Robertson Payson.

Prof. ELIOT R. PAYSON, Ph. D.,
New Brunswick, N. J.

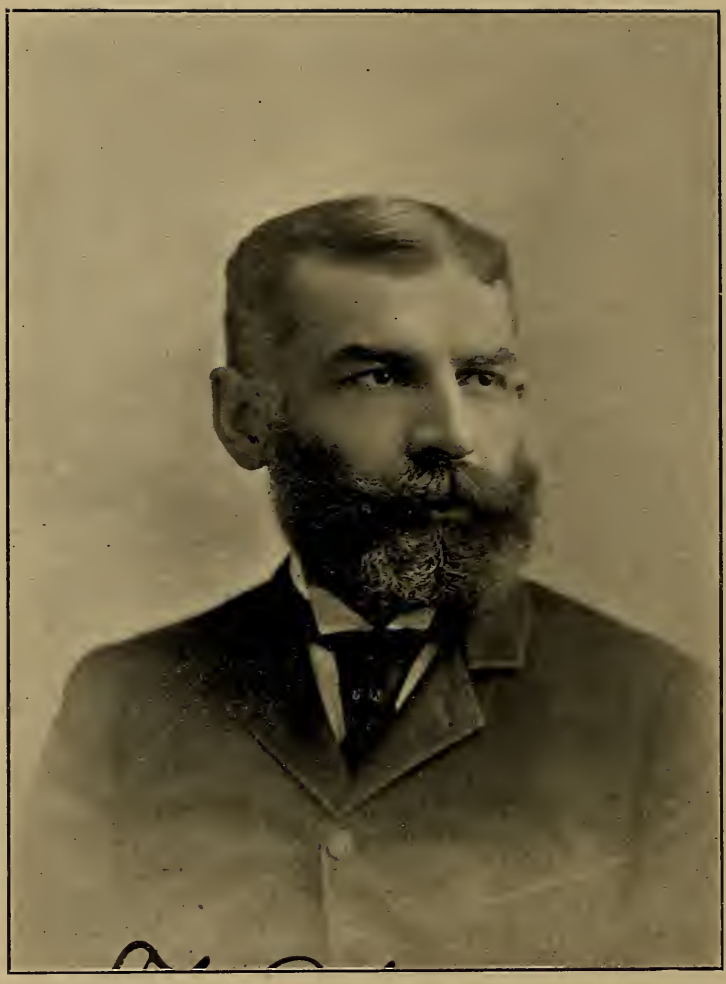
Eliot Robertson Payson was born at New Hartford, N. Y., February 24, 1846. His preparation for college was made at the Utica Free Academy and he entered Hamilton in the fall of 1862. Defective eyesight compelled him to leave college for three years, when he joined the Class of '69 at the beginning of Junior year.

Since graduation he has followed the profession of teaching. He taught six months at Charlton, N. Y., as principal of the High School there ; two and one-half years at Homer, N. Y., as teacher of mathematics in the Cortland Academy ; one year as principal of Evans Academy at Peterboro, N. Y., and four years as teacher of classics in the Academy at Utica.

He left Utica in April, 1876, spending the next three years at Leipsic and Berlin, Germany. Upon his return to America he was chosen principal of the Binghamton High School, which position he held with marked success for twelve years. He then went to New Brunswick, N. J., as head master of the Rutgers College Preparatory School, and professor of the art of teaching in Rutgers College. These positions he still holds. He has visited Europe twice since his return in 1876, passing two of his long vacations in this way. He married Miss Lillian Corbin, of Oxford, N. Y., July 13, 1882.

While in Binghamton, he was a member of the Binghamton Club, and in New Brunswick he belongs to the Union Social Club, the New Brunswick Historical Club, the School Masters' Club of New York, the New Brunswick Golf Club, and is a trustee of the Rutgers College Athletic Association.

He received the degree Ph.D. from Rutgers College in 1894. Like his classmate, Mr. North, Professor Payson has always strongly impressed his personality upon the places in which he has lived. He has enjoyed the confidence, affection and disinterested praise of his students, fellow teachers and neighbors and has always been recognized as a public spirited and valuable citizen.



Francis Contarina Pope.

FRANCIS C. POPE,

Died in Chicago, Ill., May 1, 1892.

Francis Contarina Pope was born in Syracuse, January 28, 1848. His preparation for college was made under the tuition of Rev. Dr. Clark of that city. He passed his entrance examination in the fall of 1865.

After graduation he entered the office of the Syracuse Coffee and Spice Mills, where he remained some months. He then went to Europe, and upon his return secured a position in the Union Square National Bank of New York. Later he removed to Chicago as junior member of the wholesale grocery firm of Day, Allen & Co.

In 1891 he succeeded the late George A. Porter, '66, as president of the Porter Manufacturing Co. of Chicago. He died in that city May 1, 1892. He was married May 9, 1882, to Miss Bettie Hamilton, of Chicago, who survives him with her two children.

Though he met some business reverses, Mr. Pope succeeded in accumulating a fine property and at the time of his death possessed a handsome competence. He was large-hearted, liberal, genial and kindly in his associations with his fellow men, qualities which secured for him a large circle of true and devoted friends.

Adelbert Jay Schlager.

Rev. ADELBERT J. SCHLAGER, D. D.,
Binghamton, N. Y.

Adelbert Jay Schlager was born at Hunter, N. Y., June 28, 1846. He entered college from Cortland Academy, where his preparation for college was chiefly made.

His interesting letter is so complete that it makes his biography easy editing:

In the fall of 1869, after leaving Hamilton, I went to Union Theological Seminary, not so much that I needed the training, but that Foote needed my protecting care, which was assiduously given him. For three long years I not only looked after his theological training, but guarded him in every way possible, and have no doubt but that his great success as a "Greater New York" pastor is, in large measure, due to my watchful care, though I am sorry to say that of late he seems to know more about Mormonism than I ever meant that he should. I think, however, that it is only "a fluke," and that he will return to the ways that have given him success.

After leaving the Seminary and Foote, I had become so accustomed to having "a wife" that I took upon me the care of a real one for life. I never could understand that "for better or for worse." A man must be a consummate fool that does not make at least a mental reservation on that "for worse." I did more. I eliminated it entirely, and have been enjoying only the "better" for these twenty seven years. My first charge was at Pleasant Mount, Pa.; this with Uniondale, four miles distant, constituted my parish. It was a field which none but a young man with a superabundance of vitality ought to try to cultivate. The winters were something terrible, and after remaining there for three years I thought discretion the better part of valor and

left for Scranton, Pa., where I took charge of a mission. I shall never forget some of the incidents of that three years at Pleasant Mount—some of them sad and some otherwise. I recall now one Sabbath, after returning to my home after the morning service, and while I was preparing to go to Uniondale for an afternoon service, a young man, accompanied by a blushing damsel, drove into my yard and rapped at the door. Upon my appearance he said he was in search of a clergyman who would pronounce them husband and wife. After sundry questions I invited them in and proceeded to marry them after the most approved fashion. Turning to me after the ceremony, and thrusting his hand into his pocket, he asked me what I charged for "such jobs." The lights and the shadows of those early days will ever remain with me. Not finding the work at Scranton a congenial one, after a year's work there I went to Lanesboro, Pa., and for two years was a "free lance," filling engagements as they presented themselves.

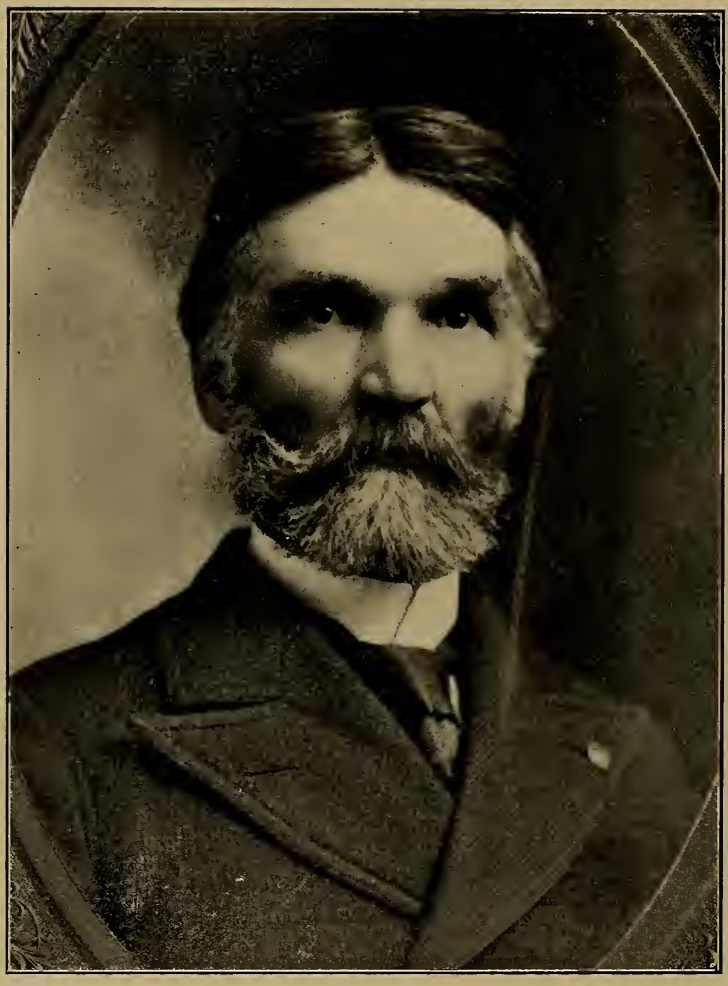
In the summer of 1878 I received a letter from my old friend David J. Burrill, (now pastor of the Fifth Avenue Collegiate Church, New York City), asking me whether I would accept a position in the German Theological Seminary of Dubuque, Iowa. I answered, "No!" Directly on the heels of this he sent me a telegram to pack my babies and kittens and come on. I went, not because I had any idea of staying, but simply to inquire into the mental condition of my old friend who could not understand that No! did not mean Yes! At short range, with his blandishments, he overcame my opposition, and I became the Professor of Hebrew and Greek Exegesis and the President of the Seminary. There I remained for ten years, and only on account of the death of my father did I turn my face eastward.

Since 1888 I have been devoting myself almost exclusively to matters of business. I am living at Binghamton, N. Y., am president of the City National Bank of Susquehanna, Pa., and treasurer of the Binghamton Trust Co., where I am devoting most of my time. Am quite largely interested in acid works. Am a farmer and breeder of Jersey cattle. This farmer business is a lucrative one, though I do not advise any one to engage in it unless he has the backing of a bank. I have three children, one married. My boys are all girls. I am pretty well, thank you, and

with many kind regards to the old boys of '69, I send my picture of how I look in the now. SCHLAGER.

Dr. Schlager was married June 26, 1872, Rev. Dr. Lewis Ray Foote, his old classmate and chum, performing the ceremony. He received the degree of D. D. in 1882.

Delta Kappa Epsilon House.



Charles Henry Searle.

CHARLES H. SEARLE,

Martin Building, Utica, N. Y.

Charles Henry Searle was born in the town of Brookfield, Madison county, N. Y., June 23, 1842. He prepared for college at Whitesboro and Cazenovia, intending to enter the Class of 1868. In the spring of 1864, however, he enlisted as 1st lieutenant in the 189th Regiment, N. Y. S. Vol., remaining in the army until mustered out in 1865. He passed his entrance examination in September, 1865.

In December, 1867, he left college and commenced the study of law in Rome, N. Y., but returned in the fall of 1868 and graduated with the Class. He at once resumed the study of law in Syracuse and was admitted to the bar in 1870 After a short practice in Leonardsville, N. Y., he removed to Utica, where he formed a partnership with ex-District Attorney Daniel Ball, '57, under the firm name of Ball & Searle. Since Mr. Ball's death, with the exception of a short partnership, he has practiced alone in Utica, his present office being in the Martin building.

In 1888 Mr. Searle was the citizens' candidate for mayor, but, unfortunately for the city, failed to be elected. In 1890 he was elected commissioner of schools, a position he held for three years To this work he gave an earnest and diligent attention, and during his term of office many important and valuable changes were effected in the school systems of the city.

He is a member of the Grand Army Association of Utica and of the Utica Chamber of Commerce.

In April, 1898, he was appointed police and fire commissioner by Mayor Kinney. The appointment was most heartily endorsed by all classes of citizens, who knew Mr Searle to be honest, capable, fearless. He was most strenuously urged to accept the position, but the demands of his profession were so strong that he was obliged to decline, greatly to the disappointment of mayor and people. He is, as of old, one of the most eloquent orators in

Central New York. In fact, no man in Utica is so often summoned when a good speech is desired.

In December, 1876, he married Miss Annie M. Pier. In July, 1879, Mrs. Searle died leaving one son, Homer Wellington Searle. On June 18, 1885, he married Miss Alice L. Hotchkiss. His family now consists of his wife, one son and three daughters. He lives at 13 Kemble street. "And," he writes, "if the pilgrim feet of any of my classmates, on the way to the old home on the hill, halt at my door, it will open in cordial welcome. My affectionate greeting to every sixty-niner."

Campus, Looking North

Dr. SELDEN H. TALCOTT, Ph. D.,
Middletewn, N. Y.

Selden Haines Talcott, son of Jonathan Talcott, was born in Rome, July 7, 1843. He was a student at the Rome Academy when Professor Oren Root was its principal, and passed his entrance examination in July, 1864.

Shortly after this he enlisted in the 15th Regt., N. Y. Vol. Engineers, and was present at the battle of Gettysburg. At the close of the war he returned to Hamilton, joining the Class of 1869.

Soon after graduation he began the study of medicine with Dr. E. A. Munger, of Waterville. He also took a course at the New York Homoeopathic Medical College, from which institution he graduated March 3, 1872, with the highest standing in a class of thirty-six, Laird, the valedictorian of '68, being one of the number. He at once formed a partnership with his former preceptor, Dr. Munger, which was continued until 1875. He was then chosen chief of staff of Ward's Island Hospital. This position he filled with that of Medical Superintendent of the New York City Asylum for Inebriates and that of Medical Director of the Soldiers Home of New York city for three years.

In 1877, from a large number of candidates, he was appointed Superintendent of the Middletown State Homoeopathic Hospital for the Insane. For this peculiar and delicate work Dr. Talcott was eminently fitted in temperament, energy and spirit. For twenty-two years he has given it his best powers, his whole heart, and he has come to be regarded as one of the strongest and most progressive physicians of our State.

He is held as one of the best authorities on mental diseases in the country, having been called to Washington in 1882 to give expert testimony at the trial of Guiteau, the assassin of President Garfield.

He has published a large number of works on medical subjects, among them being:

"Prognosis in Insanity;" "Medical Notes in the Treatment of Mental and Nervous Diseases;" "Application of New Remedies;" "Homoeopathic Treatment of the Insane;" "Traumatic

Selden Haines Talcott.

Insanities and Traumatic Reveries;" "Revision of the Laws Relating to the Commitment, Care and Discharge of the Insane;" "Dietetics in the Treatment and Care of Insanity;" "The Insane Diathesis;" "Sleep without Narcotics;" "General Paresis;" "The Hospital Idea."

He has also published annually comprehensive reports of the institutions under his charge.

He has been abroad three times, in 1883, in 1888, in 1891, and has been in over half the states and territories of our own country.

While living in Waterville Dr. Talcott was an elder in the Presbyterian church, and for the past fifteen years has been a trustee of the First Presbyterian church of Middletown.

He established and still supports the prize system in the Waterville High School, and each year the Oneida county papers contain full accounts of the "Talcott Prize Exhibition in Oratory."

He was married June 10, 1873, to Miss Sarah Abbe Munger, daughter of Dr. E A. Munger, of Waterville, N. Y.

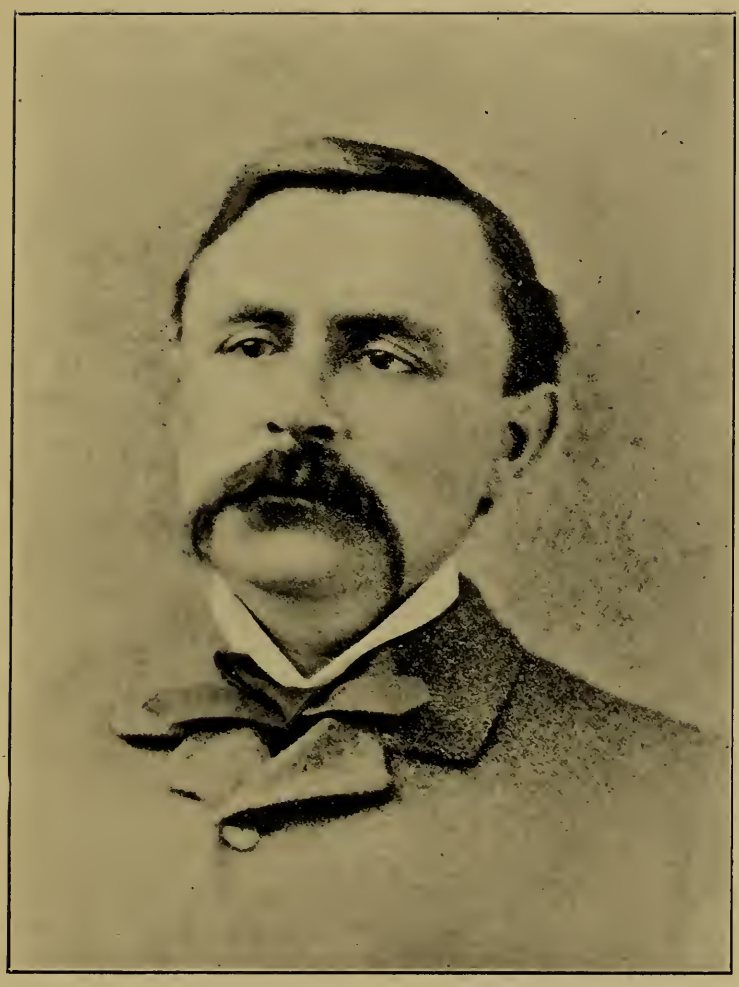
ROBERT B. TURNER,

Died in Clinton, N. Y., June 9, 1868.

Robert Barclay Turner was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., October 21, 1848. His early boyhood was passed in Clinton, and his preparation for college was made at the Rural High School where he had as fellow-students, Foote, Jerome, North, Pinney, Fake and Young, of the class of 1869.

A few weeks after the Junior exhibition he suffered from an attack of typhoid fever, and a relapse occurring, he died from its effect June 9, 1868. During his illness he was tenderly cared for by his old friends from the Rural High and other classmates.

The sudden darkening of his young life with the hopeless eclipse of all its promises, plans and aspirations was unspeakably sad, and his death seemed to take to itself a deeper sorrow from the peculiar time and circumstance of the event. He was laid at rest in the College cemetery and his classmates erected there a monument to his memory. Turner's grave has always been a spot of loving care and interest to them, and when in June last they again stood around it, they saw that the widowed mother, who had cherished for thirty years the sainted memory of her only boy had at last been laid beside him.



Henry Hunt Wells, Jr.

HENRY H. WELLS, Jr.,

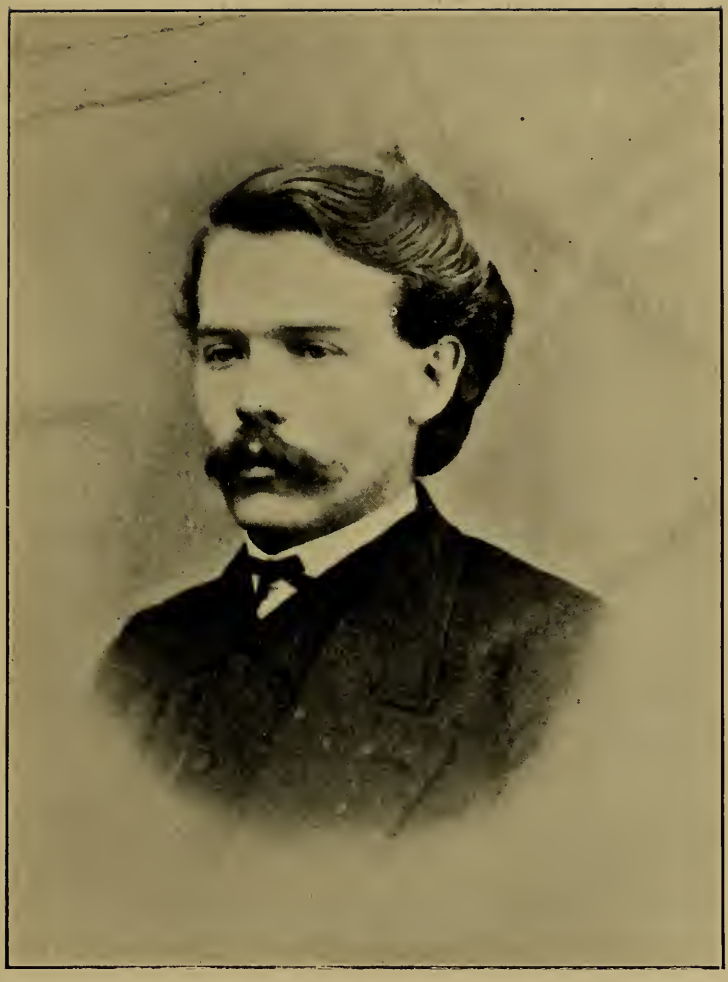
Died in Washington, D. C., February 27, 1894.

Henry Hunt Wells, Jr., was born at Detroit, Mich., July 4th, 1848. He prepared for college at Jacksonville, Fla., and entered in the fall of 1865.

Immediately upon leaving college he began the study of law in his father's office at Richmond, Va., and was admitted to the bar in May, 1870. He at once assumed charge of the office of the United States Attorney for the District of Virginia, his father holding the position at that time. In September, 1870, he was appointed assistant U. S. Attorney by Attorney General Ackerman. He held this place until December, 1870, when he was appointed by the President U. S. Attorney in the place of his father, resigned. He filled the office one year. At the end of that time he returned to the practice of law, having his office in "Shafer's Building," Richmond. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention, held at Philadelphia, Pa., in June, 1872. In 1874 he moved to Washington, and in 1875 was appointed assistant U. S. Attorney for that district, a position he held several years.

He was married to Miss Kate E. Morgan, of Glens Fall, N. Y., March 12, 1872. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Fennell and Professor Anson J. Upson, the latter a cousin of the bride.

Mrs. Wells died in April, 1889, leaving two sons and two daughters. Mr. Wells continued his residence in Washington, practicing his profession after his term as U. S Attorney closed, until his death, which occurred February 27, 1894. He was buried at Rock Creek cemetery, Washington, D. C.



Charles Augustus Wetmore.

CHARLES A. WETMORE,

Died at Jefferson, N. H., July 6, 1874.

Charles Augustus Wetmore was born in Norwich, N. Y., November 8, 1843. He entered college with health seriously injured by service in the army of the Union. In September, 1869, he entered the Auburn Theological Seminary. Finding that he was disabled for preaching by a serious asthmatic affection, he became a teacher. In March, 1871, he accepted a call to the charge of the academy at Leicester, Mass. Here he labored for three years, and in spite of his broken health he won for himself the highest respect as a thorough teacher, a scholar of refined tastes and large culture, a high-minded and useful citizen. Neither bodily weakness nor severe suffering could quench the ardor of his nature, his hopefulness and high resolves. He kept himself in full sympathy with every sincere endeavor to enlarge the field of human attainment.

Professor Wetmore was no mere routine teacher, following a well-beaten track, and content with exercises performed mechanically. He sought to awaken in his pupils' minds an interest in their studies akin to his own, that it might be in them a self-moving force, and insure their successful attainments. So he studied them, while they studied their books; studied their dispositions, tastes and mental qualities, and their moral characters and aims not less. He watched them carefully and patiently, to discover if he might the secret spring which should open mind and heart, unlock their faculties, and show them the fountains of knowledge and honorable excellence. He was not discouraged though the soil proved hard and unyielding at first, and seldom failed to see the good results of his methods. The manner of his death was in strict accordance with the whole course of his life. Death came to him while still hopeful, still forming plans of work for himself, and aspiring to do good and great things in the earthly life which he believed was yet in store for him with renovated powers. He had fought his persistent and fatal disease through long months of pain, had never surrendered, never despaired. His last day on earth was a hopeful and happy one. Suddenly the supreme movement came to him, and, as by a shot on the field of battle, he fell, a brave and constant soldier to the last, at Jefferson, N. H., July 6, 1874. He married S. Adeline Pollard, of Seneca Falls, N. Y., March 21, 1874. They had one daughter.

William Henry Whiting.

WILLIAM H. WHITING,

Rochester, N. Y.

William Henry Whiting was born at Lyndeborough, N. H., June 3, 1842. He entered Hamilton in the Class of 1869 at the beginning of the second term of Senior year.

In September after graduating he entered the Junior Class of Auburn Theological Seminary where he remained until the following January. He then went to Rochester, N. Y., in which city he had accepted the position of Principal of the schools of the Western House of Refuge. He continued this work until August, 1876, when he resigned and entered the law department of Hamilton graduating with the Class of 1877, being admitted to practice in all of the courts of New York State, April 30, 1877. Shortly after his admission to the bar he made a business engagement with the law firm of J. & Q. Van Voorhis, of Rochester. Later he opened an office of his own and now has a large and lucrative practice. His legal business has called him to all parts of the United States and Canada.

His health has been uniformly good with the exception of a severe attack of typhoid fever in the fall of 1874. He is one of the heavy weights of '69—belonging to the 200 class.

Mr. Whiting is an earnest and loyal Free Mason, and is one of the strong men of that order in this State. June 24, 1897, he was appointed Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, which honorable position he still holds.

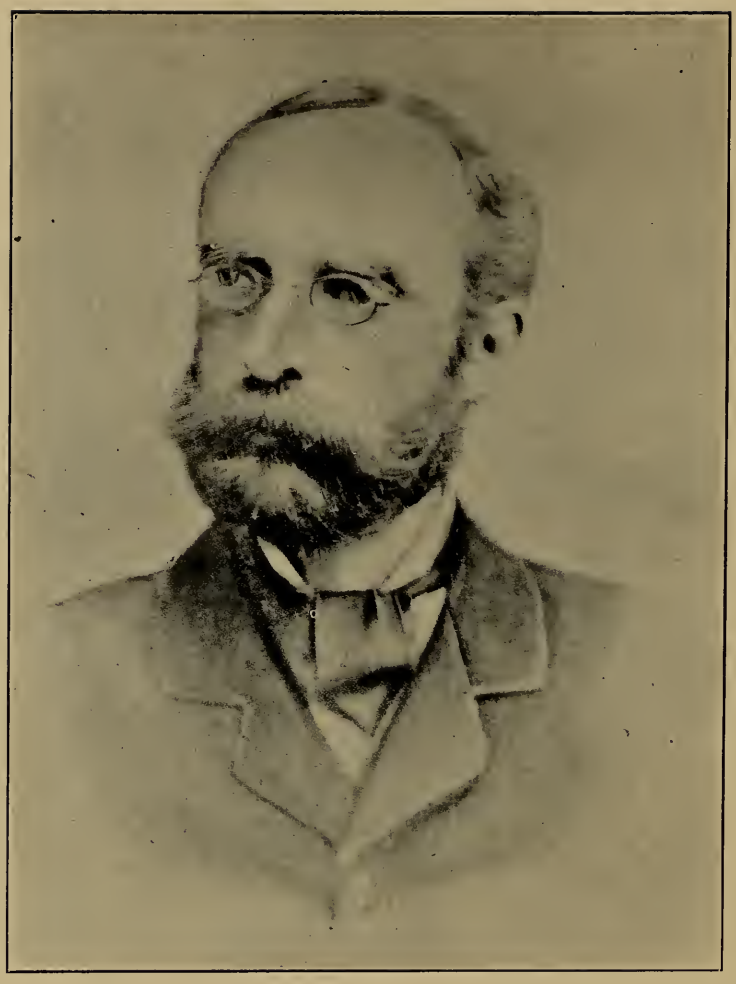
He married in January, 1874, Carrie V. Andrews, a graduate of the Rochester Free Academy, and a teacher in the public schools of the city. He has one daughter.

Prof. EDWARD J. WICKSON,
University of California, Berkeley, Cal.

Edward James Wickson was born Aug. 3, 1848, in Rochester, N. Y. He prepared for college in that city, and at the Toronto, Canada Grammar School. He entered with the majority of the class in the fall of 1865.

Soon after graduating he went into his father's foundry and manufacturing establishment at Lyons, N. Y., where he remained until they were burned out in the fall of 1870. Following this disaster, he accepted a place upon the editorial staff of the *Utica Morning Herald*, which was at that time the recognized organ of the newly developed export cheese industry of Central New York. His devotion to the interests of this industry and his executive ability were recognized by the dairymen, and he was elected in 1871 to the secretaryship of the New York Dairymen's Association, and in 1873 to the presidency of the Utica Dairymen's Board of Trade, a producers' selling organization which handled a large part of the export cheese. In 1874 to 1875 he was a leading speaker at State Dairymen's Conventions from Vermont westward to Illinois. This work attracted the attention of the publishers of the *Pacific Rural Press*, and a liberal inducement on their part took him to California in November, 1875.

In 1876 he organized the first dairy association in California, and in 1879 was one of the organizers of the State Horticultural Society, and was elected secretary of the organization—a position held continuously since that time. Professor E. W. Hilgard, who was placed at the head of the College of Agriculture at Berkeley in 1875, and was greatly advancing the efficiency and popularity of the institution, recognized the fitness of Professor Wickson to assist him, and in 1879 he was elected lecturer on dairy husbandry in the University, and was afterwards given a broader field in the lectureship on practical agriculture. In 1887 the superintendency of the agricultural grounds of the University was added to his duties, and in 1891 he was again promoted to the associate professorship of agriculture, horticulture and entomology, and given charge of



Edward James Wickson.

Farmers' Institute work. This position he held until his elevation to the professorship of agricultural practice. The title has been made thus broad because at present Professor Wickson gives instruction in dairy and stock farming and the growing of field crops, as well as in horticulture, though he has advanced most rapidly in public recognition as a horticulturist through the wide popularity of his book, "California Fruits and How to Grow Them," which has gone through two large editions, with the third published in 1899. A companion work, "California Vegetables in Garden and Field," was published in 1898.

Aside from these strictly professional services he has been identified with the California Microscopical Society since 1877, and has served several terms as secretary and president of that organization. On the organization of the California Floral Society in 1888 he was chosen president, and was continuously re-elected until his resignation was accepted in 1900. He has served since 1895 as a school director of the city of Berkeley and was elected president of the board in 1899.

He married Ednah Newell Harmon, in California, April 27, 1875. His letter to Dr. Foote reveals some of the difficulties of a class secretary.

University of California.
Department of
University Extension in Agriculture.
Berkeley, California.

Rev. Dr. Lewis Ray Foote,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Foote:—This whole business has been shameful on my part, and I am humiliated by it. I have intended no disrespect to Downing, Griggs or yourself, but I have what I must perhaps concede to be a morbid dislike of auto-biographical work. If a man does anything that will stand, it will stand in spite of him; if he does not, no bolstering will keep it vertical. I have therefore postponed the whole matter from time to time, but always expecting to make suitable acknowledgment of the remarkable kindness and patience of my classmates who have written. I never thought for a moment of your telegraphing for what seemed to me of such little account, and so I am punished for my offenses most keenly.

I started out once to fill Downing's blank, although the detail which it called for made me long neglect even to start. I remember that it was impossible for me to give all the birthdays required, and so

I took it home to consult my wife. I did not find her at that moment, and the blank was put away so securely that it has never re-appeared. The printed sheet I send gives the results of a patient labor on the part of an associate, who turned it out upon me one day as a surprise party. I have loved him for it, but I have hated the thing itself ever since. I send it in desperation to you for you must evidently have something.

I cannot now remember all the questions of Downing's longer catechism, in fact hardly any of them. I can only say that we have been blessed with seven children, five girls and two boys—Nos. 5 and 7. The two eldest have graduated at the University of California; the fourth is now in the University, two next in the High School, and the baby now twelve years old, is in the Grammar School.

I presume this is enough—in fact too much. Please tell me what my share of the expense is.

Sincerely yours, E. J. WICKSON.

At Benedict Hall.

WILLIAM F. CAHOONE.

William Frederick Cahoone entered college with the majority of the class in the fall of 1865. At the end of Freshman year he left college and for some time taught in various schools in the northern part of the State. No farther information concerning him has been obtained.

LOUIS N. CHAPIN.

Louis Nathan Chapin became a member of the class of '69 at the beginning of Junior year. He gave up his studies before the course was completed, and went into business. He now lives in New York where he has been very successful. He is married and has a family of three children.

Rev. ELBERT W. CUMINGS.

Elbert Wilmot Cumings was prepared for college in Michigan, and was a loyal member of '69 for the first two years of its course. He then taught two years and returned to Hamilton graduating with the class of 1871. He studied theology and is now pastor of the Presbyterian church of Barre, Vt.

JOHN L. DOUGLASS.

John Lovell Douglass was a classmate of Cumings in the preparatory school at Niles, Mich., and came on to Hamilton with him. He left college at the close of second term Freshman and did not return. He engaged in business in the West, but nothing has been heard concerning him in recent years.

JOHN E. ELMER.

John Edgar Elmer was born at Chester, N. Y., July 1, 1847. He prepared for college at Chester, and entered Hamilton joining the Class of '69 at the beginning of Sophomore year. He gave up college work after one year, but returned and graduated with the Class of 1870. He completed the course in the Hamilton Law School, and practiced his profession two years. He was drowned in the Mississippi river in 1874.

CHARLES P. FAKE.

Charles Peter Fake passed his entrance examination in June, 1865, but was never present at any of the recitations of '69.

JOHN H. FITZGERALD.

John Henry Fitzgerald made his preparation at Oxford Academy and entered Hamilton in the fall of 1865. He remained during Freshman year and was one of the prize speakers of his class. He then accepted a position in a mercantile house in the southern part of New York. Since then no tidings of him has been received.

JOHN H. GREENE.

John Howard Greene was born at Indian Castle, Nov. 1, 1848. He entered Freshman year sometime after the first term opened. He remained until the year closed and then was compelled to leave college on account of his straightened circumstances. He joined the Class of '70 and later '71. In fact, he was a member of most of the classes until 1874, when he graduated, his persistent energy finally winning the coveted diploma. The college mail book fails to give his present residence, and the secretary can get no trace of him.

Prof. CHARLES K. HOYT.

Charles Kimball Hoyt entered college from Auburn, N. Y., as a member of '68. He did not remain during the entire year, but joined '69 as a Freshman in September, 1865. He was a loyal '69er for two years, and then fell back into '70, furnishing that class its Salutatorian. He studied theology, and became professor of rhetoric and literature in Wells College. He then went to Auburn as a member of the Faculty of the Theological Seminary in which work he is still employed.

M. KNOX JOHNSON.

Massah Knox Johnson passed the entrance examination for admission to the Class of '69, in July, 1865, but did not matriculate.

FRANK R. JUDSON.

Frank Roscius Judson entered college from Ogdensburg. He remained only a few weeks of Freshman year.

HORATIO W. LAWRENCE.

Horatio William Lawrence prepared for college in Syracuse and entered with the majority of the class in the fall of '65. He was an earnest and enthusiastic '69er for two years, when he retired from college work to go into business. No recent information concerning him has been obtained.

JOHN V. B. LEWIS.

John Van Buren Lewis entered college from Auburn, N. Y., joining the Class of 1869 at the beginning of its course. He remained two years and then taught a year, graduating with '70. He studied law and began its practice in New York where he still resides.

JOHN V. B. McGRAW.

John Van Buren McGraw entered Hamilton with the Class of 1868. During Sophomore year he left college and the next year returned, but remained as a member of '69 but a short time.

WILLIAM S. PINNEY.

William Seward Pinney was prepared at the Rural High School in Clinton. He passed the college examination in July, 1865, but did not return for work when the college opened in September.

WILLIAM L. POTTLE.

William Loring Pottle prepared at Naples, N. Y., and entered as a Freshman in the fall of 1865. He remained for three years and then went into business in Western New York. He has been very successful. At the re-union Macauley reported him as having a son in the graduating class of one of the eastern colleges. Although most diligent effort has been made, the secretary has been unable to get any communication from him.

ALVAN A. RICHMOND.

Alvan Allan Richmond was born in Little Falls, N. Y., and entered college from his native town. He joined the class of '69 at the beginning of Sophomore year. He remained but one year when he left to engage in teaching. Nothing farther has been heard from him.

Rev. GEORGE R. SMITH.

George Russell Smith entered college from Albion, N. Y., and was a member of '69 during Sophomore year. He taught for one year, and returning graduated with the Class of '70. He studied theology and is now pastor of the Presbyterian church of Urbana, O.

WILLIAM S. YOUNG.

William Solomon Young prepared at the Rural High School and entered in July, 1865. He remained but one year. No trace of him has been secured since he left college.

The pictures of the Class as they appear in this volume have been printed together on a large card. This will be appropriately framed and placed in the Perry Smith Library Hall before Commencement week.

The Secretary was unable to secure a half-tone plate of Theta Delta Chi House.

Peter Blake.

The Dead of the Class of 1869.

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EDGAR WARD CROWELL,	April 10, 1868
ROBERT BARCLAY TURNER,	June 9, 1868
CHARLES AUGUSTUS WETMORE,	July 6, 1874
GEORGE EUGENE KING,	June 14, 1881
FREDERICK ERASTUS CLEVELAND,	April 2, 1884
THEODORE CHARLES JEROME,	May 28, 1886
EUGENE CHEESEMAN,	July 27, 1886
FRANCIS CONTARINA POPE,	May 1, 1893
RUSH WALSWORTH BISSELL,	December 14, 1893
HENRY HUNT WELLS,	February 27, 1894
JEREMIAH MEACHAM CHRYSLER,	February 7, 1895

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